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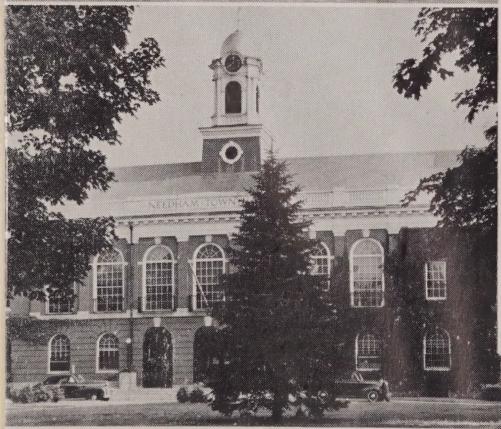




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# ANNUAL REPORT

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# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

## MASSACHUSETTS

*for the year ending December 31, 1949*



*Cup presented to the Town of Needham  
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You, the citizens and voters of Needham, are a free people. You have of your own choice selected certain of your number to govern the Town of Needham. To those who govern, you have given power, that they may perform the duties of their station. And, as a free people, you require from them a report of their activities.

In this, the 238th Annual Report of the Town of Needham, you will find the reports of your elected and appointed Town officers for the year 1949. Here you may learn what has happened in your Town during the past year. Here you may learn what action your Town Officers suggest to retain a smoothly-operating town government. And here you will find vital information which you as a free electorate need to know.

This is your Town Report. Look through it. Read it. Study it. Here you will find the story of your Town.

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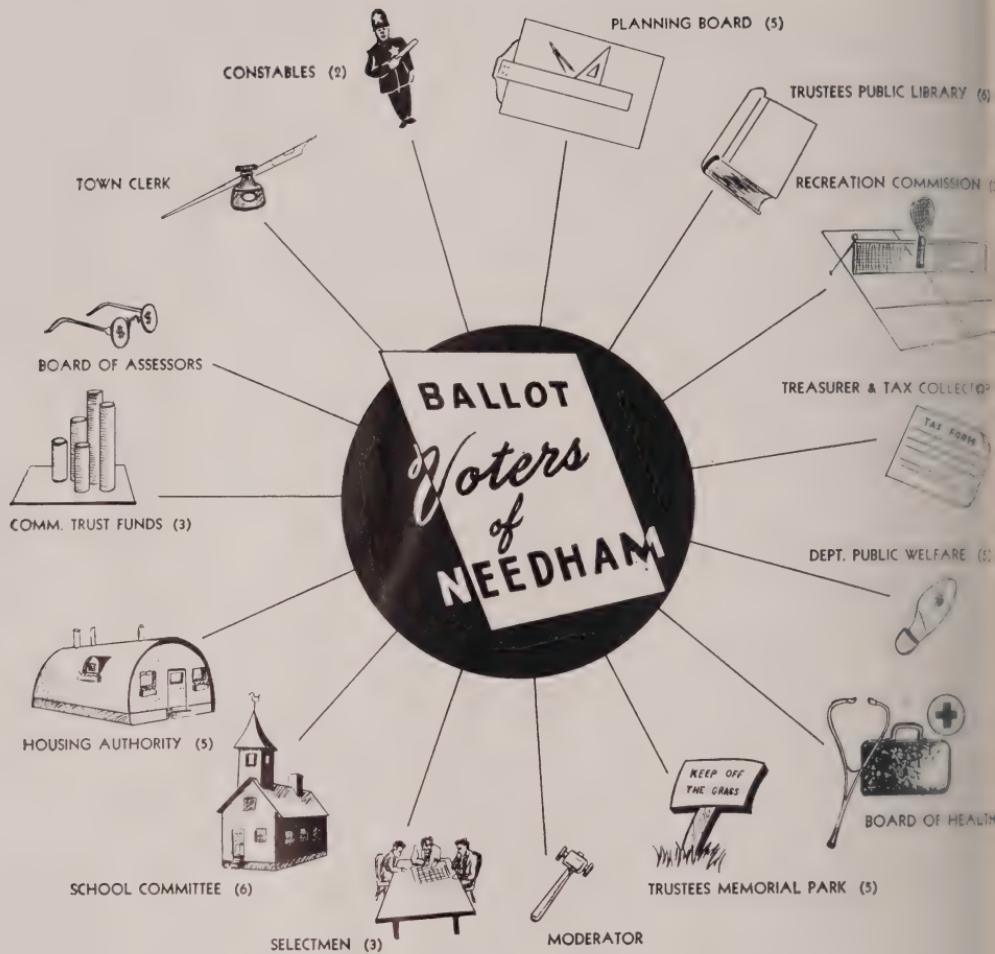
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APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

- Accountant
- Agent — Veteran Aid
- Board of Appeals
- Building Inspector
- Burial Agent
- Contributory Retirement Board
- Deputy Custodian Public Bldgs.
- Dog Officer
- Fire Chief
- Forest Warden
- Deputy Forest Wardens
- Inspector Animals and Slaughter
- Keeper of Lockup
- Petroleum Inspector
- Police Chief
- Police Officers
- Registrars of Voters
- Sand and Gravel Inspector
- Sealer of Weights and Measures
- Superintendent of Engineering
- Superintendent Fire Alarm
- Supt. Forestry and Moth Control
- Superintendent Public Works
- Superintendent Water and Sewer
- Ast. Supt. Water and Sewer
- Town Counsel
- Truant Officer
- Trustees of Hospital
- Wiring Inspector

APPOINTED BY  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- Athletic Coaches
- Custodians of School Buildings
- Dietitian and Cafeteria Staff
- General Control Staff
- Principals, Teachers, Supervisors and Special Instructors
- School Nurse
- School Physicians
- Superintendent of Schools
- Superintendent of School Bldgs.

APPOINTED BY  
BOARD OF HEALTH

- Health Officer
- Inspector Cesspools
- Public Health Nurse
- Sanitary Inspector

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

- Finance Committee
- Various Committees by vote of Town Meeting

ELECTED BY TOWN MEETING

- Measurers Wood and Bark
- Public Weighers
- Town Agents

# Information for Voters

Needham was incorporated as a Town on November 5, 1711.

**Situation:** About 10 miles southwest of Boston. Geodetic position of Town Hall: Latitude 42°-16'-51.568" Longitude 71°-14'-13.048".

**Population:** 14,507 (1945 State Census).

**Area:** Approximately 12.75 square miles.

**Elevation:** 85 feet above sea level at Rosemary Meadows, 180 feet at Needham Square and 300 feet in the Birds Hill section.

**Assessed Valuation:** \$34,808,790.

**Tax Rate:** \$38.00.

**Town Hall:** Built in 1902. Seating capacity of auditorium 780. Frank J. Dermody, custodian and rental agent. Phone NEEedham 3-1518.

**Offices open Tuesday Evening:** Offices of Selectmen, Assessors, Town Clerk and Planning Board.

**Probate Court:** (for returning cases) Dedham: First, Third and Fifth Wednesdays, except August. Third Wednesday in August. Quincy, Second Wednesday and Fourth Monday of every month, except August. Brookline, Fourth Wednesday of every month, except August.

**Senators in Congress:** Henry Cabot Lodge and Leverett Saltonstall.

**State Senator:** Leslie B. Cutler of Needham (Second Norfolk District).

**Representative in Congress:** Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton (Thirteenth Congressional District).

**Representatives in General Court:** Harold Putnam of Needham, Francis A. Harding of Dedham (Sixth Norfolk District).

**Member of Governor's Council:** Clayton L. Havey (Second Councillor District).

**Qualifications for Registration as Voters:** Must be 21 years of age, American born or fully naturalized, and have resided in Massachusetts one year and Needham six months. Registration Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday evenings, at the office of the Town Clerk. Special evening Sessions of Registrars held preceding elections.

**Absentee Voting:** State, National and Town Elections.

**Dog Licenses:** All dog licenses expire March 31st. A dog should be licensed when three months old. Fees: Male \$2 — Female \$5 — Spayed \$2.

**Tax Bills:** Due and payable July 1st. Interest will be added according to law from October 1st on bills unpaid after November 1st. Poll, motor excise and water bills are due thirty days from date of issuance.

**Board of Health:** Householders shall report to the Board of Health all cases of communicable diseases, unless a physician is in attendance.

# Board of Selectmen

**George M. Pond, Chairman**

**William H. Cotter, Jr., Vice-Chairman**

**Emery S. Doane, Secretary**

	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>1945</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$4,386.80</b>	<b>\$3,631.50</b>
<b>1946</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,718.90</b>	<b>2,598.90</b>
<b>1947</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,933.55</b>	<b>3,927.32</b>
<b>1948</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,274.16</b>	<b>3,259.89</b>
<b>1949</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,875.00</b>	<b>2,497.30</b>

This, the 238th Annual Report of the Town of Needham has been prepared through the efforts of the following committee: Richard B. Sanders, Walter F. Kammler, N. Grant Mackinnon, Charles H. Davis, Herbert M. Johnson, Chandler W. Jones, George A. Potter, Raymond L. Bond, Jr., Donald L. Fessenden, and William H. Cotter, Jr., ex-officio.

From January 1 to December 31, 1949, the Board held 47 regular meetings, 9 special meetings, 39 formal hearings, and 76 meetings with various groups or individuals. At each meeting problems were discussed with department heads and committees. Warrants were issued for one Special Town Meeting, in addition to the Annual Town Meeting.

The unprecedented growth of the Town still continues and daily creates situations and problems that must be met in order to benefit the Town and its residents without excessive expenditures.

The vote of the Town Meeting which provided for the transfer of certain duties of the Selectmen to the Board of Appeals, has relieved the Selectmen of many time-consuming hearings, and thereby allowed more time for consideration of other urgent matters vital to the Town's welfare.

## Public Works Department

The volume of work completed and demands for future services through this department increase steadily with the growth of the Town.

The increased mileage of streets, due to new developments, requires greater maintenance expenditure, and for more efficient snow removal it will be necessary to obtain additional equipment.

Petitions are on file for construction of 14 streets (approximately two miles in length) under the Betterment Act. Because it is impracticable to take action on roadway construction prior to the installation of underground facilities, it has not been possible to act on all such petitions. The backlog of required sewer construction continues to mount. Progress on such installations is severely restricted due to the small margin between the total of our present borrowings and our legal debt limit.

### **Police Department**

In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission requirements that the police radio wave length be changed by 1950, the radio is now operating on 1714 k.c., with power of 110 watts.

The police force that seemed adequate for a town of 12,000 population is not sufficient to meet the demands of an expanding town of nearly 16,000 population, therefore, an increase in personnel is essential to give proper protection to the Town.

Auxiliary police have, in the year past, given invaluable service to the department. They have willingly donated their time and services without compensation.

### **Fire Department**

A total of nearly 400 alarms have been answered during the current year by this department. Losses covered by fire insurance during the first eleven months of this year did not exceed \$10,000.00. Uninsured loss by fire was approximately equal to this figure.

Engine 2, stationed at the new Heights Fire Station, is 20 years old and the Board recommends that it be replaced. Replacement is imperative to assure prompt and safe arrival at the scene of fire.

### **Glover Memorial Hospital**

On October 30, 1949, with appropriate ceremonies, Chairman George M. Pond accepted for the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, keys to the new Glover Memorial Hospital. During the hours set aside for the purpose on that day, many residents of Needham inspected and admired the fine, modern building and its equipment.

Elsewhere in this report, the new hospital is featured in detail, but the Board is privileged to take this means of expressing its

sincere appreciation to the Hospital Building Committee, through whose voluntary and unstinting efforts the building was planned and erected.

### **Inspection**

This department safeguards the construction and maintenance of all buildings, private and public, and in addition is charged with enforcement of Zoning and Building By-Laws.

To insure efficient operation it is recommended that the position of Building Inspector be reclassified from part time to full time, and it is again recommended that this department be provided with a clerk so that the office can be open all day and the inspectors relieved of routine office duties to devote more time to actual inspection duties.

### **Needham Housing Authority**

In March the Town elected John B. Moseley, Guy S. Langstroth, Wilbar Whittemore and Robert W. S. Cox, together with Harold B. Putnam, appointed by the State Housing Director, to organize and direct plans and construction of housing for veterans.

The plan received final approval of the State Housing Director in April. In September ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the site in the area between High Rock Street and Linden Street.

Water and Sewer services are being installed and construction of streets and houses is well under way.

### **Legal**

The Town Counsel has rendered most efficient service to the Board and all Town committees and agencies. He has made himself available at all times to provide legal advice and opinions, in order that the work of the many Town agencies might proceed in an orderly and legal manner.

### **Other Activities**

The Transportation Committee attended hearings before the Selectmen upon two petitions for franchises to operate bus service from Needham Square to Cleveland Circle, via Central Avenue. Franchise was awarded to the Middlesex & Boston Street Railway, service to be run on a frequent schedule for a 90-day period until passenger counts indicate the amount of service required.

The Selectmen, at the request of the Planning Board, arranged a joint meeting with the State Public Works Department, and the two boards to discuss possible re-routing of Route 135, in order to alleviate traffic conditions in Needham Square. The State has agreed to conduct a survey to determine the best course of action.

The Selectmen, Town Clerk and Registrars have taken steps to obtain Legislative sanction to establish precinct voting for the Town. The number of registered voters has greatly increased and can no longer be adequately handled in the Town Hall.

Although the request for appropriation to study the potential installation of an incinerator was not approved, the Selectmen again urge voters to consider the problem of refuse disposal. The present dump is at its saturation point.

Early in December the Selectmen were privileged to turn on the Christmas lighting system from Pickering Street to Maple Street, on Great Plain Avenue. The festive illumination is the result of much planning and voluntary effort on the part of members of the Board of Trade. It is their intention to repeat the decorations at Needham Heights in future years. The Selectmen wish to congratulate the business people whose ambition and initiative have brought the brightness of the holiday season to our shopping center.

The Selectmen also express the appreciation of the residents of Needham to Winslow Nurseries, Inc., who, in accordance with the wishes of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Winslow, provided the seasonal decorations for the Roll of Honor on Needham Common.

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## In Memoriam

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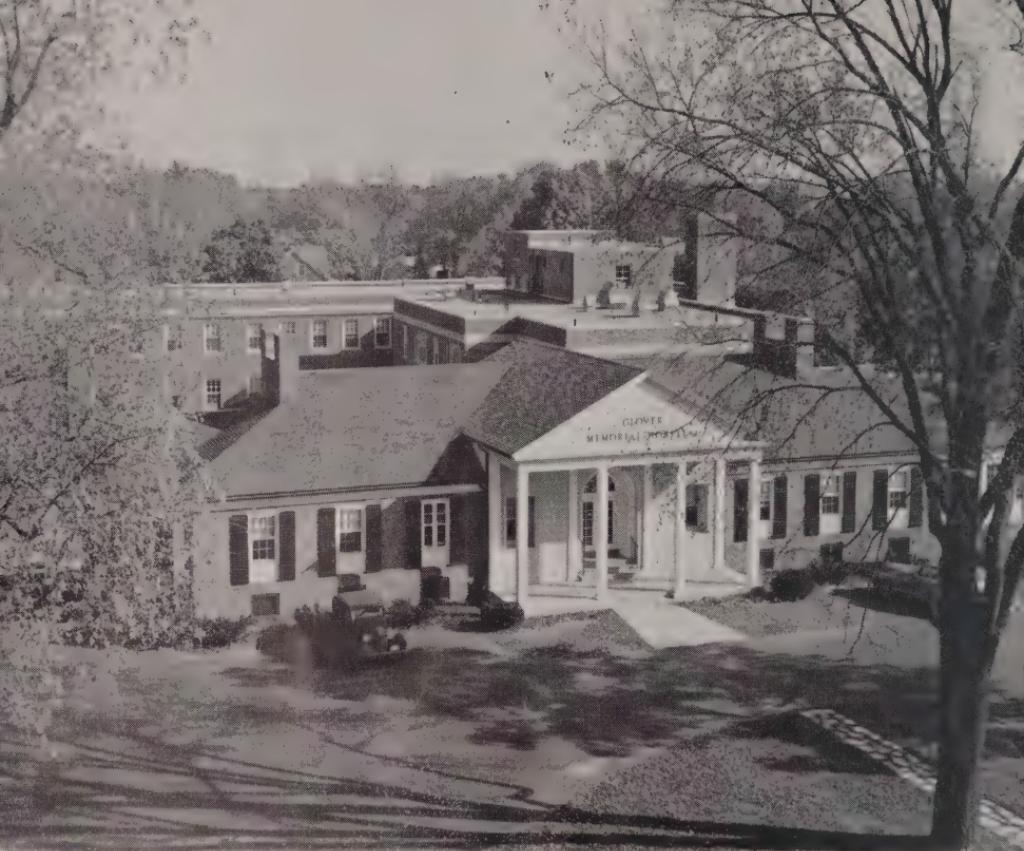
GEORGE A. WYE

September 12, 1880

November 14, 1949

With the passing of Mr. Wye the Town has lost a most faithful employee. From September of 1934 until the 14th of November, 1949, he served as Deputy Custodian of Public Buildings, maintaining with pride a high standard of appearance in the buildings in his keeping.

The Board, on behalf of the Town, feels deeply the loss of George Wye and expresses its admiration for his courage and perseverance during his illness.



# Glover Memorial Hospital

## Trustees

Cyril N. Angell, *Chairman*

Allan M. Cate

George A. Potter

Edward J. Stewart

Helen I. Linane, R.N.

*Superintendent of Nurses*

David O'Leary, Jr., *Vice-Chairman*

David H. Finnigan

Eunice H. Milliken, *Secretary*

Herbert F. Stevenson

M. Helen Fox

Donald R. Carmichael

*Business Manager*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	Receipts
1945	18	\$66,079.21	\$61,145.09	\$50,093.03
1946	25	73,422.07	66,220.35	55,130.76
1947	28	78,692.20	78,134.65	73,450.69
1948	31	96,159.42	94,021.18	79,626.35
1949	64 Perm. 19 Temp.	219,125.55	156,175.56	110,924.62

## **Glover Hospital, Old and New**

"It is no longer necessary for any resident of Needham to leave the Town for hospital care, because we now have here adequate facilities which compare favorably with those in the larger and better known hospitals in Boston."

This is the statement of Dr. E. Marshall Hodgkins, surgeon-in-chief of Glover Memorial Hospital. An estimated 1,500 persons saw for themselves, at open house exercises when the new 65-bed Glover Memorial Hospital was completed, that Needham now has the most modern hospital in New England.

At the present time, the physical assets of Glover Memorial Hospital constitute an investment of well over a million dollars by the people of Needham. The primary object of the Trustees is to see that the hospital's patients receive the best of care. Careful consideration is then given to costs.

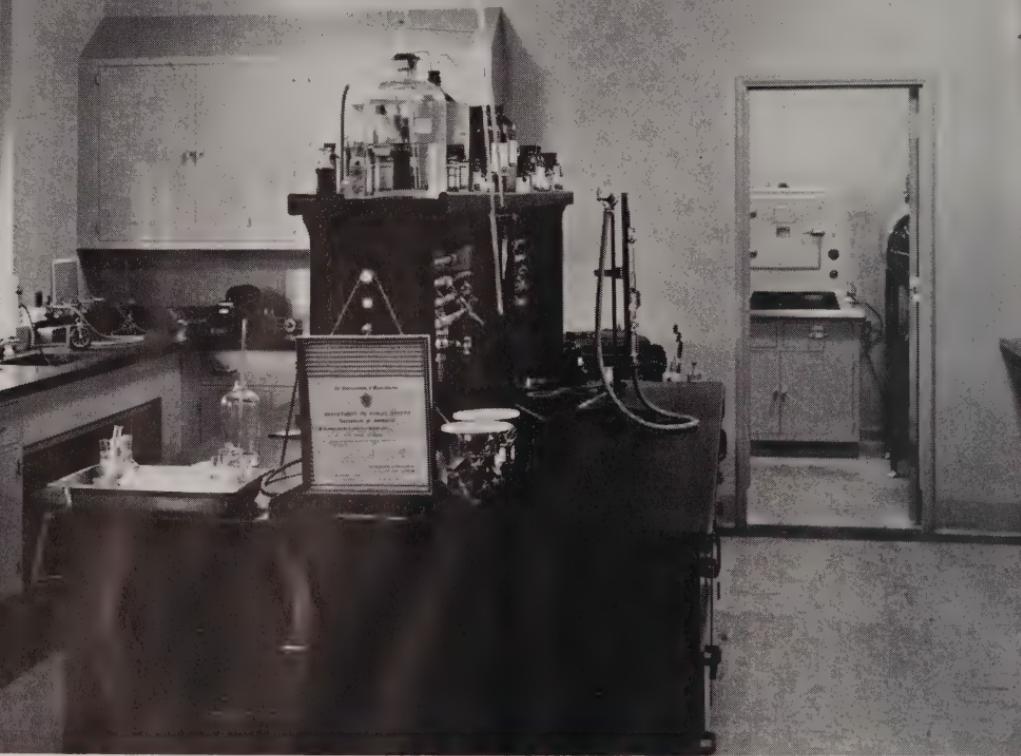
The most modern facilities are available, and the most modern approved medical and surgical techniques are in use. A primary aim of the Trustees, the Doctors and the Staff is to see that the hospital is so administered that it will be approved by the American College of Surgeons. This will be accomplished by scrupulously maintaining the high standards set by the American Medical Association and by all persons concerned with the hospital working in complete harmony.

## **Ladies Aid Association**

The hope expressed by the trustees a year ago has been fulfilled by the return of Miss Helen I. Linane as Superintendent of Nurses. Under her direction the patients may be assured of the best nursing services available. The Trustees were also fortunate in securing Mr. Donald R. Carmichael as Business Manager. Mr. Carmichael comes to the hospital with many years of hospital experience.

The Trustees and the Staff urge that the newly re-organized Ladies' Aid Association of the Glover Memorial Hospital be supported by all individuals and organizations in Needham. There is much work that can be done, such as sewing, making surgical dressings, clerical work, assistance in the children's unit, and many other voluntary services.

The Trustees and Staff also urge all citizens to give wholeheartedly to the Blood Bank of the American Red Cross. During 1949, 105 transfusions were given in the hospital under direction of the attending physicians. Needham Chapter of the



### *Laboratory*

American Red Cross is sponsoring a drive for blood on May fourth and fifth. Everyone eligible should seriously consider "loaning" some blood. "The life you save may be your own."

During the year the nurses' home was completely renovated and freshly painted.

Many meetings of sub-committees have been held in addition to the regular monthly meetings of the Trustees. The executive committee of the Trustees meets each month with the executive committee of the Active Staff to coordinate the work of both organizations.

Here, on this and following pages, is the new Glover Memorial Hospital as it was seen by the visitors on the day of the official opening.

Entering through a Georgian Mansion type doorway, the visitor steps into a spacious foyer. At the left is the large, comfortably furnished doctors' lounge and doctors' and trustees' meeting room. Next is the record room where competent medical secrétaries compile the hospital's records. Beside it is a room which provides privacy for families of very ill patients, and then the admissions office.

At the right of the entrance is the switchboard, a large and airy bookkeeping office with the latest in business equipment, a connecting office for the business manager, and small room for the night supervisor and the night auxiliary switchboard. This switchboard can be set up to provide an unobstructed direct line to the outside from every important hospital station.

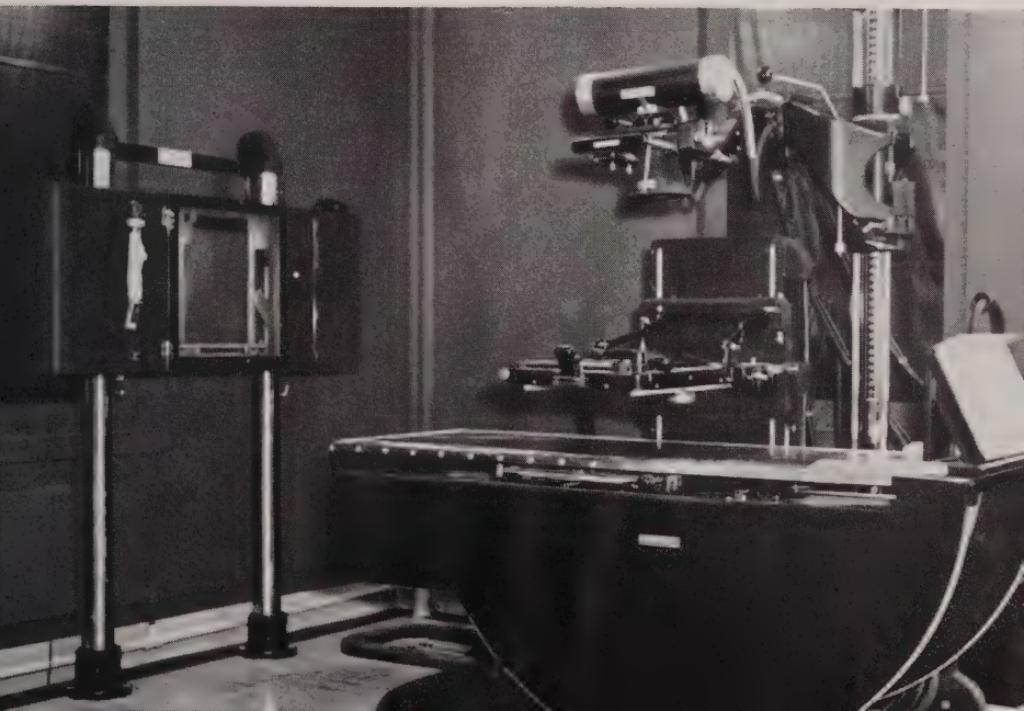
Walking toward the new wing, the visitor passes the office of the Superintendent of Nurses, where conferences are held between the superintendent and the nursing staff.

Inspecting the various service units, the visitor is mindful that they are equipped for a maximum of an 125-bed hospital when future years may require the addition of a wing of bedrooms only. The Pharmacy is the first of the service units found on the tour. Here is maintained the complete supply of drugs and medicine needed in a modern hospital.

Next is the Laboratory, where the all-important tests are made to assist the doctor in making an accurate diagnosis. Adjacent to the Laboratory is a smaller room for basal metabolism tests and electro-cardiograph readings.

Across the corridor from the Laboratory is "Central Supply," where all sterile goods are made up and autoclaved (sterilized by steam under pressure) for the operating room, the delivery room and the wards. Supplies such as syringes, solutions for intravenous feedings and equipment for transfusions are kept here in carefully marked cupboards. Since all equipment used

*X-Ray Room*





*Two-Bed Room*

in the hospital comes originally from Central Supply, an attendant is in charge at all times.

The corridor leads to the floor which eventually will have maternity patients only. This floor has a nursery unit, four private rooms, a four-bed room and seven two-bed rooms.

Furniture in the private rooms, at the extreme ends of the corridor, include a floor lamp with a night light in the center of the stand, and a wall lamp at the head of the bed which may be used for reading or for examinations. There is a built-in metal clothes cabinet, an over-bed table with a panel which lifts to expose a mirror, a shallow wash sink and lavatory. The easy chairs are upholstered in a washable plastic material. The walls are covered with a washable material in quiet, soft colors in varying patterns. Drapes at the windows add warmth and a home-like atmosphere.

The two-bed rooms are furnished in much the same manner as the private rooms, except that there are two of everything.

The patient may have privacy by having curtains drawn around the bed. The four-bed rooms include two easy chairs, four built-in metal cabinets and a wash stand. These beds also are provided with curtains.

The delivery room on the maternity floor is a complete unit. There is a labor room which will accommodate three patients, and a section of which has been set up as an auxiliary delivery room complete with anesthesia stand, table for the sterile pack for the doctor's use, a cabinet containing the necessary equipment, and receiving crib for the newborn infant. Included in the suite is a spacious linen closet and a workroom for making up packs and cleaning instruments.

Between the labor room and the delivery room proper is a sterilizing room equipped with an autoclave, a water distiller, and a small instrument water sterilizer.

The main delivery room is large, done in a buff wall tile, and with modern lighting. Its equipment includes a built-in suction and a portable resuscitator and aspirator. Besides the anesthesia table there is a GOE (gas-oxygen-ether) machine. The entire unit contains the latest type of equipment and is set up for the efficient work of the doctor and nurse in attendance.

There are two eight-crib nurseries and an isolation nursery for sick babies or babies of sick mothers.

Each crib in the nurseries is a complete unit, with storage space for linen, a sliding compartment which can be used as a work shelf with a drawer for solutions, cotton, pins, etc., and glass sides which may be raised to form a miniature room for each baby. The isolation nursery has an incubator and also an isolette from which the baby does not have to be removed at any time. Both incubator and isolette are equipped for oxygen and heat control. Plastic armholes in the isolette are for the nurse to use in caring for the infant.

From the nursery, the hospital visitor goes down to the first floor and to the unit for the care of small children or infants. One room is set up for isolation technique. Across the hall are two semi-private units with glassed-in cubicles, so the nurse can keep a watchful eye on her young charges. There also are two private rooms for older children or adults, a diet kitchen for serving hot meals really hot, and a utility room where treatments are prepared and small articles sterilized.

Also on this floor are seven two-bed rooms and one four-bed room, which are furnished like those on the floor above.



### Nursery

Next stop on the hospital tour is on the third floor, known as the Surgical Floor, which includes the operating suite, a treatment and examining room, six private rooms, seven two-bed rooms and two four-bed rooms. The patients rooms are fully equipped like all the bedrooms of the hospital.

The operating room suite includes a large room with lockers and showers where the surgeon may change his clothes. There is a minor surgery and orthopedic surgery room with separate scrub sinks and double doors separating it from the major surgery. The treatment room is equipped with a "sitz tub" in which medicated tubs can be given on order of the doctor.

The major surgery unit consists of two large operating rooms with a utility room between them which is complete with autoclave, sterilizer and cabinet space for storage of extra supplies. Across the corridor are two rooms called the "clean and soiled instruments rooms." Equipment is cleaned in one of the rooms after use, and stored in the other. Opening from the corridor

are a warming closet for solutions and blankets for emergency use, and a storage closet for the different types of anesthesia.

Each floor of the hospital has a diet kitchen where all trays are served, and a special outlet for plugging in a steam truck to keep the food hot. There is also an automatic dishwasher and dish sterilizer in each kitchen to make possible better and more efficient work by the kitchen aide.

From the Surgical Floor the visitor goes back to the main kitchen on the first floor, a delight to any cook or dietician. The working unit is set up to accommodate much more than the present population, as it well may be called upon to do if the Town continues to grow. The unit includes several refrigerators of the type used in private homes, three "walk-in" temperature-controlled rooms for fruits, vegetables, fats, and dairy products, and a deep freeze in which a whole beef carcass may be stored.

The stoves and ovens include the usual type of gas range with many cooking areas and two ovens and broilers, a baking oven that looks like a mammoth chest of drawers made of iron and is for baking biscuits, muffins, pies, etc., a soup cauldron, and a steam pressure cooker. Nearby is the dietician's office, where special diets and the menus for the entire hospital, including patients and staff, are planned.

The X-ray department also is on the first floor, with an exit to Lincoln Street from a small foyer where the X-ray technician has her desk and keeps her records. This department is equipped with the regular X-ray machine and fluoroscope, which also has a chest X-ray attachment. In a separate unit is the cystoscopy room where the doctor can make the necessary examination and at the same time X-rays may be taken without moving the patient. In the X-ray filing room are four viewing screens and a large modern viewing machine which is a unit in itself.

In the same section with the X-ray unit is the accident room. The ambulance entrance has a large overhead door which permits the ambulance to back into the doorway.

There is also an examining room for new admissions. This room is equipped to care for suturing of minor cuts and the cleansing of abrasions, and the setting of fractures which do not require the use of orthopedic surgery.

The hospital has its own laundry to wash the multiple loads of linen and uniforms used in a hospital in a day. There is no waiting for laundry to return from outside, making it unneces-



*Operating Room*

sary to have a large supply of laundry issued. This also insures adequate linen for all patients at all times.

Another unit, which is so often forgotten when building a hospital, is a room in which torn linen can be mended and in which special types of sheets and supplies needed for the operating and delivery room are prepared.

The boiler room is equipped with two steam boilers for heating purposes. One is in use at all times, while the second is a stand-by duplicate. Similarly, a double set of high pressure steam boilers provides steam for the autoclave units throughout the hospital.

The hospital has a small emergency electric lighting unit, in a room adjacent to the boiler room.

Thus ends the tour of Needham's Glover Memorial Hospital, the most modern in New England.

### 1949 CENSUS

Number of patients admitted .....	871
Number of Outpatients .....	320
Number of Births .....	158
Number of Caesarean Sections .....	5
Medical Cases .....	273
Surgical Operations (major) .....	190
Surgical Operations (minor) .....	245
Surgical Operations (Tonsil and Adenoid) .....	147
Average Patients per day .....	18.5
Average Stay in Hospital .....	7.8
Total Number of Patients Days (adult) .....	6,753
Total Number of Infant Days (infants) .....	1,090
Total Number of Blue Cross Patients.....	478
Total Number of Adult Deaths .....	35
Maternity deaths .....	0
Total Number of X-rays .....	1,026
Laboratory — Total number of examinations made in our Hospital Laboratory during the past year were as follows:	
Housepatients .....	5,707
Outpatients .....	3,457
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Total .....	9,164

**T**HE CITIZENS of Needham are deeply indebted to the following individuals and organizations for their generous contributions toward furnishing and equipping the hospital as listed below:

American Legion Post No. 14	Merrill, Frank A.
American Legion Auxiliary No. 14	Millett, the late Charles
Angell, Catherine S. L.	Needham Grange No. 457
Bailey, Olive S.	Needham Order Assembly of Rain- bow Girls
Doctor's Medical Club	Needham Teachers Club
First Baptist Church	New Century Club
Florence Crittenton Circle — (In- dividual contributions from mem- bers)	Rotary Club of Needham
Fox, M. Helen	Sanborn Company
Harris School Parent-Teachers As- sociation	Sherwood Lodge No. 569
Junior New Century Club	St. Joseph's Church
Ladies Auxiliary, Lt. Manson H. Carter Post	St. Joseph's Literary Society
Locke, Clifford M.	Tak-Em-Eta Group of Christ Church
Massachusetts Catholic Women's Guild	Trow, Ralph W.
	Women's Association of Congrega- tional Church

# Town Clerk

Marian S. Peterson, *Town Clerk*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945*			
1946	2	\$5,710.97	\$4,990.61
1947	2	5,964.77	5,445.05
1948	2	6,131.30	6,128.30
1949	2	6,476.57	6,462.77

\*Prior to 1946 Town Clerk received small salary but retained all fees collected.

If you were married this year, if there was a birth or a death in your family, if you registered to vote, if you own a dog and hence required a dog license, if you came seeking a hunting, fishing or trapping license you are a vital statistic in the Town Clerk's office and we have had something to do for you. For a primary function of the Town Clerk's office is the compilation of statistics and data about our Town and its citizens.

But while statistics are important, we of the Town Clerk's office see the human side of life, which makes Needham the kind of a town it is — a friendly town — a community with more than its share of civic pride welding together people of widely diversified interests.

And because we of the Town Clerk's office have a friendly interest in our residents, the birth of a child at Glover Memorial Hospital is not a cold statistic but a happy event. We note the news and record it, for we are the historians of today's activities.

Vital Statistics	1948	1949
Births . . . . .	311	331
Marriages . . . . .	184	207
Deaths . . . . .	146	154

## Receipts

Dog Licenses . . . . .	\$3,263.50	\$3,429.75
Hunting, fishing, trapping licenses . . . . .	1,796.50	1,946.00
Miscellaneous fees . . . . .	1,944.10	2,569.19

# Board of Registrars

**Armstrong Beattie, Chairman**

**Mary E. Fitzgerald**

**Francis J. Donahue**

**Marian S. Peterson, Ex-Officio**

	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
	Permanent	Part-Time		
1945	1	3	\$4,490.35	\$4,380.90
1946	1	3	6,424.05	6,051.33
1947	1	3	5,627.50	5,322.45
1948	1	3	7,892.17	7,524.00
1949	1	3	6,353.80	6,130.69

From a peak of 8,897 registered voters in November 1948, the number dropped to 8,494 in July 1949. But 1950, with the State Election, should bring increased interest and it is expected that our Voting List will exceed 9,000 by November.

The format of the Voting List has been changed in accordance with Chapter 212 of the Acts of 1949, which provides "the voting lists shall be arranged by streets in alphabetical order and the names of the voters on each street shall be arranged in the numerical order of the street numbers of their residences so far as is possible." It is printed in five districts as previously, but each district is arranged alphabetically by streets. Therefore a voter should announce himself to the ballot clerk "I live at 23 Warren Street and my name is Samuel Cooper."

Once again we call attention to two recent laws which provide for Absentee Registration for those who are physically unable to register at the Town Clerk's office, and absentee voting for those physically unable to vote in person. The disability must be certified in each case by a doctor, hospital superintendent, registered nurse or Christian Science practitioner on forms which can be obtained from the Town Clerk. We hope that all who could not otherwise enjoy their voting privilege will avail themselves of this service. To apply for an absentee ballot, the applicant must sign the request exactly as his name appears on the voting list.

# Public Library

Dr. Harry W. Kimball, *Chairman*

Marion L. Johnson

Laura Willgoose

Arthur L. King

Helen N. Eastman

Fred G. Atchinson

Dorothy M. Brown, *Librarian*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	7	\$17,969.90	\$18,127.42
1946	8	29,680.01	23,322.22
1947	8	31,638.72	30,499.94
1948	8	29,570.91	28,014.85
1949	8	29,656.68	28,257.27

Present day activities are increasing for everyone but nothing takes the place of a good book. The Library has had another busy year. There has been a large increase in the number of books circulated. The total circulation for 1949 is 118,874, a gain of 6,953 over 1948. There has also been expansion in the use of reference books, pamphlets and pictures showing that Needham makes good use of its Library for information and education as well as recreation.

The Library telephone is used almost continually. Renewals are taken over the telephone and reference questions are answered. Readers are notified by telephone when a book which they requested comes in. In addition, there are, on the average, twenty telephone calls a day asking for the answers to "Tele-test" questions.

Children and 'Teen-agers have thronged to the Library after school and during the evenings. These future voters and leaders of the community are full of vitality and interest and the Library helps to direct their spirit for doing into desirable fields and to make them realize that effective action is based on information. The children's room is new and attractive and 36,464 children's books were circulated in 1949. There are book deposits from the Library in the grade schools, and the Library is glad to serve in this way. However, much more can be done for the children when they come to the Main Library where there are more books and where their reading can be personally directed by the children's Librarian who is trained to help children make the best use of books and reading. 'Teen-agers also have their own room



*Needham Uses Its Public Library*

where there are books and magazines selected especially for them. The collection has great variety and includes books for all types including the "doers" who have specialized interests such as mechanics, television, sewing and cooking as well as those who enjoy tales of romance and adventure. Vocational material is also in constant use by this group.

The Needham Square Branch Library at 1054 Great Plain Avenue is conveniently located in the shopping district and is increasingly popular.

The exterior of the Main Library was painted in 1949 and the stairs inside, leading to the children's room, were repaired and tiled.

There have been several changes in personnel in 1949. Miss Elizabeth Phelan, assistant librarian, resigned August 1 and the Library was unable to replace her until November 1 when Mrs. Hilda Lane Arnesen was appointed to that position. Miss Charlotte Gidley, the librarian, resigned October 15 and she was replaced by Miss Dorothy Brown.

# Memorial Park Trustees

T. James Crossman, *Chairman*

Amos H. Shepherdson

James H. Whetton

Samuel D. Low

Paul B. Richwagen

	Employees	Budget and Special Articles	Expenditures
1945	3	\$16,825.71	\$15,529.52
1946	3	13,442.69	8,778.80
1947	1 Perm., 6 Temp.	5,520.72	5,413.86
1948	1 Perm., 1 Temp.	8,325.72	8,241.13
1949	1 Perm., 1 Temp.	7,313.97	6,324.31

Two new events occurred at Memorial Park during the spring and summer of 1949. The first was the graduating exercises of the Senior High School. The bleacher seats were used to capacity (1520), and many more spectators watched from the hillside.

The second event, a very successful Fourth of July celebration, was sponsored by a group of Needham citizens. In the afternoon a regulation A.A.U. Track meet was held, and in the evening there was a brilliant display of fireworks. It was estimated over 10,000 persons were present. The Trustees hope these events will become annual affairs.

The increasing use of the baseball fields taxes the resourcefulness of Mr. Pike, in order to keep ahead of the activities. During 1949, there were 71 scheduled baseball games by the Senior High School, Junior High, Junior Legion, C.Y.O. and DeMolay teams, as well as many unscheduled games by the recreation program of the Town. It is our aim to have the fields in the best possible condition at all times.

Experimental work on the control and elimination of weeds on the Park proved satisfactory, and although it was extremely difficult to grow grass during the extended drought, Mr. Pike was able by the proper application of water, fertilizer and seeds, to have a fairly good turf for the football season.

The lot of land between the Park and Oakland Avenue, purchased by the Town in 1948, was cleared. Loam was removed and piled to one side to make ready for fill to bring the surface up to grade.



Photo by C. W. Jones, Jr.

*High School Football at Memorial Park*

Needham Post No. 14, American Legion, generously donates its home one day each week for the use of the Well Baby Conference, which is sponsored by the Needham Visiting Nurse Association. The basement of the Legion Home is also used weekly by Boy and Girl Scout troops and other civic organizations.

The Trustees have continued maintenance of the Legion Home. The back steps were replaced by new steps. A fire on the roof of the House resulted in a \$1,230 loss, which was covered by fire insurance. The roof has been repaired.

The Trustees again thank Richwagen and Sons for supplying the geraniums and canna bulbs which beautify the Circle during the summer and fall. They have done this for many years without charge to the Town.

The Tree Department of the Town has trimmed all trees on the Park and have cooperated with us in combating damage done by the Japanese beetle.

# Fire Department

Richard M. Salamone, *Chief*

Employees			Budget	Expenditures
Permanent	Call			
1945	16	18	\$59,026.72	\$58,132.37
1946	20	18	73,848.30	70,306.08
1947	20	18	85,616.84	84,221.00
1948	26	18	105,661.24	104,671.81
1949	26	18	119,445.06	119,094.08

The year 1949 showed a considerable increase over 1948 in the number of fires. Mutual Aid was still carried on with the surrounding cities and towns.

Radio equipment was changed in all the trucks during the year, and the necessary equipment was installed in the watch room so that the department can do its own broadcasting of radio messages.

Fire drills were conducted at all the schools. The times and conditions were recorded and recommendations were made regarding same. Periodic inspections were made throughout the year in stores, factories, churches, rooming houses and convalescent homes.

During the year Captain Everett Brown was retired from the department. John Cotter was promoted to Captain to fill the vacancy, and Kenneth Minkle was appointed as a private.

As the Town is still growing rapidly we feel that the following recommendations are in order:

1. Purchase of a new 750-gallon pump to replace the present 20-year-old pump at the Heights Station.
2. Purchase of a new and additional ladder truck.
3. Appointment of 4 more permanent men.
4. Purchase of a new car for the Chief.

The usual training drills were carried on during the year.

The Fire Department has at present the following equipment: a 1942 ladder truck; a 1930 — 1,000-gallon pump (in the Heights station); a 1941 — 750-gallon pump; a 1940 — 500-gallon pump; a 1939 brush fire truck; a 1948 jeep; a 1949 Fire Alarm truck; and a 1947 Chief's car.



*Firemen Fight a Blaze*

Photo by L. T. Wells

*Police on School Duty*



# Police Department

Thomas H. Welch, *Chief*

	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
1945	21	\$64,999.65	\$60,240.31
1946	21	67,390.18	63,471.43
1947	24	75,244.20	73,110.11
1948	24	83,642.40	83,096.91
1949	24	92,581.43	90,438.49

The number of men on the force now is not sufficient to give the Town proper and adequate protection. To continue the type of ambulance service given in past years, and in addition meet the requirements of our enlarged hospital, an emergency ambulance is a "must." The time has come when the Town should be zoned and have two cruisers on the highways, manned by two men.

The crime picture is not good. Arrests in 1949, including some very serious offenses, have greatly exceeded those in 1948. Complaints received this year surpass by far the number received in any other year. For the first time in several years it was necessary to bring before the court a juvenile offender. While we have not been free from juvenile troubles in the past, we have been able to adjust these incidents without court action.

To date this year we have had one fatal accident. There has been a noticeable increase in the personal injury and property damage accidents. Speed traps have been run in response to citizens' complaints and will be continued.

The Auxiliary Police have rendered invaluable service. They have put in a great many man-hours and covered many miles of streets to provide protection to persons and property, service which could not have been rendered by our small department. Inasmuch as these men have served entirely without compensation it does not seem right to impose upon them indefinitely. In addition it will be necessary to request money to procure proper equipment for these men.

The requirements of the Federal Communications Commission have been met, and the radio is now being operated properly as was specified. With this change in equipment we are able to send and receive without interference.

# Board of Appeals

**Francis L. Guertin, Chairman**

**Enos G. Nickerson**

**Herbert L. Moore, Special Member**

**Roger W. Nutt**

**H. Maude Church, Clerk**

The new Board of Appeals has been functioning since June 23, 1949, when the Zoning Board of Appeal and the Building Board of Appeal were combined and given jurisdiction over some of the special permit situations formerly in charge of the Selectmen.

As indicated in the Town reports for 1947 and 1948, members of both the Zoning Board of Appeal and the Building Board of Appeal had advocated a merger of the boards because zoning and building matters were often closely related. As a result, the boards sat concurrently on some occasions and rendered separate decisions. To eliminate this duplication of effort and expense, the Town, at the 1949 annual meeting, voted to combine the two boards and to give the new board jurisdiction over certain additional related matters. From January 1, 1949, to June 23, 1949, the Zoning Board of Appeal held four hearings. The Building Board of Appeal held three. Concurrent sitting of the two boards was necessary only once. From June 23, 1949, to December 31, 1949, the new Board of Appeals held 16 hearings.

Members of the new board have endeavored to prevent removal of sand and gravel below the level of surrounding terrain. To this end the members have submitted to the Selectmen and the Town Counsel a suggestion for the better policing of such excavating projects. Some minor changes in the Town laws were also suggested for perfecting the original purpose in combining the boards and enlarging this body's jurisdiction.

The 1949 hearing which brought out the greatest number of interested townspeople concerned an application for a permit to maintain a trailer-residence. The Board of Appeals filed the precedent-making decision that allowance of trailer-residences would not be for the best interests of the Town. The permit was denied.

The members of the Board of Appeals are mindful of the need of tax-paying business establishments in Needham, and will do everything reasonably possible to encourage them if they can be maintained and operated without excessive noise, fumes, or other nuisances, prejudicial to the rights of adjoining property-owners.

# Schools

**W. Bigelow Hall, Chairman**

**Mabel P. Friswell, Charles E. Greene, Edwin M. Wainwright**

**Ruth E. Steere**

**Barbara M. Page**

**Derwood A. Newman, Superintendent**

	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
	Teaching	Non-Teaching		
1945	98	18	\$348,120.33	\$340,896.44
1946	104	20	404,126.12	396,731.10
1947	106	28	497,042.04	495,375.92
1948	109	29	527,613.57	524,566.41
1949	113	33	551,020.29	545,446.26

As this report is written, a new salary schedule for our teachers is being submitted to the Finance Committee, and we hope that the schedule will be found acceptable to the Town. The proposed schedule would adjust the salary differential between the married men and the other teachers and place Needham in a better position to obtain competent women teachers. Periodic study by the teachers will be required to qualify them for salary increases.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to those who have been studying the problem this past year and have made recommendations to us.

A new marking system has been instituted in the Junior and Senior High Schools. The new system, employing an eight-point scale and eliminating cumulative marks, avoids most of the objections which were raised against the superseded system.

The Committee has approved the adoption of a school savings program, designed to teach our children the advantages of systematic saving. This program, in cooperation with the Newton Savings Bank, has been put into effect in the Elementary and Junior High Schools.

The single session program in the Elementary schools, started in January 1948 and continued throughout 1948 and 1949, has met with general approval and has been made permanent.

For the first time in Needham, the graduation exercises for the High School were held outdoors. An unusually large graduating class made it inadvisable to hold it in the High School auditorium and those attending the exercises were favored with

# LIVING IN OUR THREE DIMENSIONAL WORLD

ROUTES

## THINGS TO DO:

Write a travel agency  
a visit Japan International Report  
Make model planes  
Find out about famous airports  
What is a jet plane?  
How does a plane fly?

## WHAT AN AIRPORT NEEDS

hotels and places for  
people to stay  
airplane hangars  
airplane fueling  
information facilities  
light towers  
runways  
hangars  
airplane  
newspaper

## THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

What is flight? Why?  
How do the engines work?  
How does the control have control  
How does a plane fly?  
What makes a plane fly?

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

The airport is an important  
part of the world's trade now.  
It has big airplanes now  
that can fly across the ocean.  
The airplane is a model of a man  
of science.  
Some of the first men who  
flew were Americans.  
Commercial aviation is a  
great business in America.



Elementary School — Social Studies

beautiful weather. It is expected that this practice will be continued.

The Senior High School was partially renovated in 1949, but the funds made available did not permit completion of this work. We hope to complete it in 1950 and also to renovate the Dwight School. Money is also being requested to provide more adequate cafeteria facilities at the Stephen Palmer School.

Title to the Dwight School playground was not obtained in time to repair the playground this past year, but it will be attended to in 1950. We also hope that funds will be made available to improve some of the other Elementary School playgrounds which are in poor condition.

Because funds were not made available, we were unable to secure a car for driver training in 1949, but we hope that this can be done in 1950.

The overcrowded condition of our schools is well known. It is hoped that the William Mitchell School will be ready for use in the fall of 1950. The Committee feels, as it did a year ago, that our present school buildings are underinsured and that the amount of fire protection should be increased.

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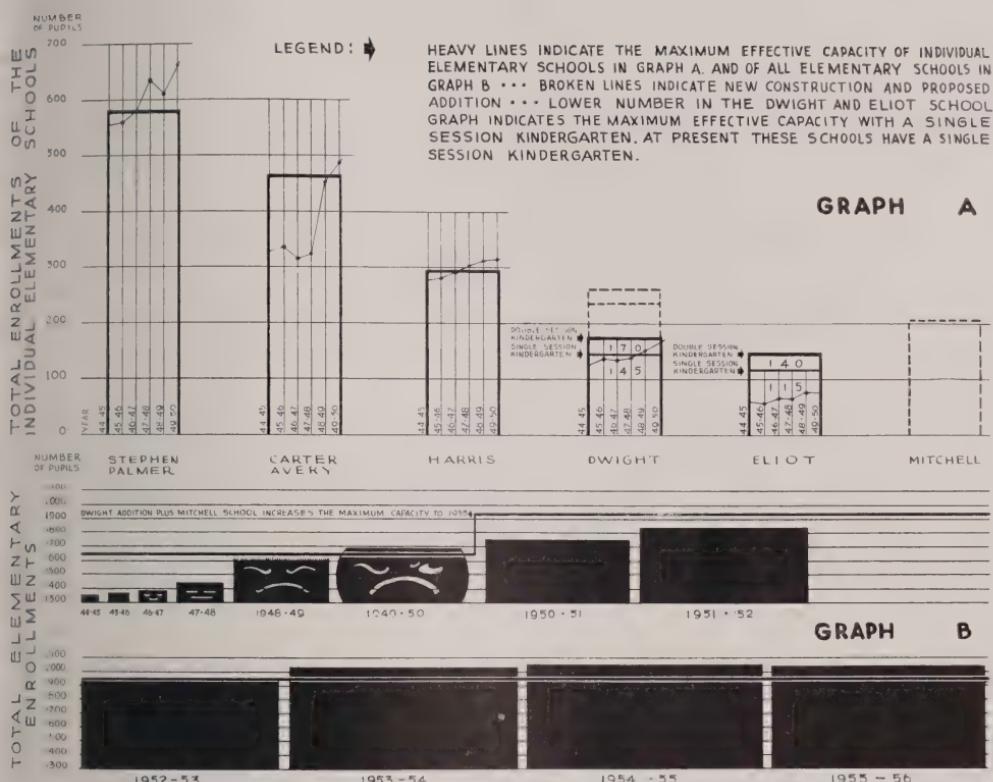
## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

It is my privilege to make the 57th annual report submitted to a Needham School Committee. It is my sixth report.

Fourteen new teachers have been appointed to the staff during the past year; eleven to fill vacancies created by resignations and three to take new positions. The return of a teacher who was on leave of absence has made it possible to fill a fourth new position. One teacher each was added to the staffs of the Eliot, the Dwight, the Stephen Palmer and the Junior High Schools. It was found necessary to establish a new kindergarten class at the Eliot School, while at the Dwight School the kindergarten room is being used to accommodate the first grade in the morning, and the kindergarten in the afternoon. Because of the seriously over-crowded condition at the Stephen Palmer School, we have had to use one of the classrooms in the Emery Grover School which in recent years has been used by the Junior High School. For some time it has been felt that a woman should be added to the Guidance Department. Accordingly, this year one was appointed and assigned to the Junior High School.

To accommodate all the elementary children, until new building is available, the sixth grade of the Harris School is being housed at the Carter School and the fifth grade, or most of the fifth grade of the Harris School, attends the Stephen Palmer School. One full kindergarten section of Harris School children and half a first grade from the same school attend the Avery School, while the sixth grade children from the Eliot School attend the Dwight School.

Additional school housing for the elementary schools will be available none too soon. As a matter of fact, an examination of our classroom facilities indicates that, despite an increase of seven elementary classroom teachers in the last five years, the pupil-teacher ratio (that is, the number of pupils per classroom teacher) in the elementary schools has risen from 29.8 to 33.2 as this report is being written. When we realize most authorities agree that the maximum size for an elementary classroom should



THESE GRAPHS ARE BASED ON STATISTICS BROUGHT UP TO JANUARY 1950. NO ALLOWANCE IS MADE FOR GROWTH IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DUE TO NEW CITIZENS MOVING TO NEEDHAM

be from 25 to 30 pupils, an average size of 33.2 should not be tolerated longer than is absolutely necessary. Of 45 elementary classes, not including kindergarten, 35, or seven out of nine, have 30 or more pupils; of these, 16, or more than one-third of the total, have 35 or more pupils and three of them, one of which is a double grade, have 40 or more pupils. Of the 10 classrooms having under 30 pupils, three are double grades, leaving but seven elementary rooms in the system caring for classes of satisfactory size. Had the Mitchell School been ready in September of 1949, it would have been filled.

Salaries are always of interest to the people receiving them and the people paying them. At the Annual Town Meeting in March, the salary budget presented by the School Committee was rejected in favor of the proposal presented by the Finance Committee. Whatever merit the salary proposal may have had was apparently obscured by the belief of a majority of the Town



*Indoor Recreation — Elementary School*

meeting members, that it was poorly conceived, completely unconditional as to professional improvement on the part of teachers, and an attempt to profit from the salary recommendations presented for other Town employees.

The School Committee, whose powers and duties have been determined by the Legislature of the Commonwealth for the express purpose of safeguarding the educational opportunities of all its children, is charged with the responsibility of determining the financial needs of the schools in all matters except new construction and the transportation of pupils.

Second thoughts as to the possible consequences to Needham schools were almost immediately apparent. At the invitation of the School Committee a committee on salaries was set up to study school employees' salaries. Two representatives from the School Committee, three teachers, a representative from the

Finance Committee, one from the Taxpayers' Association, one from the P.S.A. and one from the League of Women Voters were invited to participate. While such a committee could have no legal authority, that being vested entirely in the School Committee, it was realized that its recommendations would carry a great deal of weight. Desiring to remain completely independent, the Taxpayers' Association and the Finance Committee felt that they could not participate. The Committee was formed, nevertheless, and made a most thorough and exhaustive study of the entire salary situation, particular attention being given to Needham's competitive standing among comparable communities in this area. The salary budget presented is based on the recommendations of this Committee as modified in response to suggestions from the School Committee, the Needham Teachers' Association and the Finance Committee.

### School Health Program

Health examinations for the school year 1949-50 have not been completed. To date, the school physicians have examined eighteen hundred and sixty-nine children. Parents were notified of physical defects to be referred to the family physician. Preschool examinations by family physicians and dentists were given to one hundred and eighty-six children.

The Norfolk County Hospital Clinic repeated its yearly chest X-ray service to members of grade twelve, teachers, and other school personnel.

Children in grades two, four, six and nine were given the Massachusetts Vision Test. The new Pure-Tone Audiometer was used to test hearing acuity of ninth grade and other pupils referred by teachers. It is planned to give this type test to all elementary pupils in 1950.

The New Century Club again sponsored the Dental Clinic, giving dental care to one hundred and thirty elementary pupils.

The present trend is to guide teachers in their daily observations of pupils, as teachers are in a strategic position to detect signs of deviation from normal health, and refer these children for attention. Parents who notice any abnormality in their children's health are urged to keep them at home.

It was with sincere regret that the resignation of Dr. J. Walter Schirmer, School Physician from March 1943 to June 1949, was accepted. A former School Committee member, Dr. Schirmer was genuinely interested in young people. He was a zealous

and untiring crusader on their behalf and no effort was ever too great in their cause.

### **Guidance and Research**

This report marks the fifth year in the life of this department. It may well be a good time to look back for evidence of progress. Some of the concrete contributions of the guidance, or pupil personnel, program to the public schools of Needham could not be summarized in the limited space allotted this report. However, a listing of some of these contributions is as follows:

1. Annual achievement testing in the secondary schools.
2. Pupil placement service.
3. Individual counseling and aptitude testing.
4. Occupational Information Libraries at the Needham Town Library, the Senior High School, and the main guidance office. (Occupational information available on over 700 occupations.)
5. Helping each pupil to know himself better; his interests, aptitudes, and abilities so he may make a more intelligent vocational choice, or plan more adequately for his future.
6. Making available to teachers, personal and test data, enabling them to understand pupils better.
7. Field trips of a vocational nature.
8. Staff conferences with teachers and others so that a better understanding of the child will ensue.
9. Analysis of guidance needs of special class pupils.
10. Intensive vocational guidance for returning servicemen in cooperation with Veterans' Administration.
11. Establishment of a regional school for Needham veterans.
12. Encouragement of group instruction related to guidance.
13. Use of referral agencies for children with problems.
14. Contact with employers in the Needham area to improve coordination between school and work.
15. Cooperation with the Exchange Club in sponsoring Career Day and Night.
16. Child guidance talks to many groups.
17. Compilation of an annotated bibliography of books on child guidance for use by parents and teachers.
18. A library system making available to parents and teachers professional books in the field of child guidance.

19. An adequate educational library including hundreds of college catalogues and other booklets giving information relative to advanced training.
20. Reporting the survey aspects of the testing program to the Superintendent and School Committee each year.
21. Sponsorship for our teachers of talks and seminars by psychiatrists, reading experts, and child guidance experts.
22. Cooperation with outside groups in the sponsoring of a series of four psychiatric lectures.
23. Initiation of a child guidance clinic and psychiatric consultant service.
24. Securing for the fall of 1949 a Boston University-Harvard Extension Course carrying graduate credit, and dealing with the subject, "Children's Emotions and Classroom Behavior."

While some of the above activities are not the usual function of a pupil-personnel service, they were pre-requisites to an adequate pupil-personnel program or necessary to fill a local need.

Some highlights of the past year have been: the issuance of a guidance newsletter by Miss Ferguson to the junior high school pupils; more effective interviewing of newcomers to the school; and the adaptation of the Exchange Club sponsored Career Day to a series of nine occupational conferences under the direction of Mr. Berry, Counselor in the Senior High School.

### **Elementary Schools**

An interesting highlight in the year was the presentation of the pageant, "The Story of Our Town." All children in the fourth grade classes participated. In their pageant, the children presented scenes of the significant events in the growth and development of Needham: The Purchase of the Land from the Indians, The Way the Early Settlers Went to Church in Dedham, The First Town Meeting, The Ox-Cart School, The Needham Minute Men, The Delivery of Mail in Early Days, Early Needham Industries. The scenes were accompanied by a fourth grade chorus singing appropriate musical selections. The children created their own scenery, costuming, and also the action for the scenes, with their script and dialogue based on information acquired in their social studies. It was the first stage experience for the majority of the children and did much toward stimulating good oral expression, accurate diction and poise. By using their own town as a laboratory, children more readily



*Fourth Grade Pageant — Land Purchase from Nehoiden*

understand the relationship of homes to communities and of communities to the rest of the world.

Among other projects was an Arithmetic Fair, held for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of making arithmetic more meaningful to children. All Needham teachers pooled the materials that they had developed for this purpose and an exhibit was arranged in the Carter School Auditorium.

In the fall the elementary teachers conducted a campaign to improve spelling. Psychologists are conducting numerous investigations at the present time to determine reasons for spelling abilities and disabilities. Meanwhile, the Needham elementary teachers have reviewed all available data on the subject and methods of teaching it. The scores on achievement tests given in the fall to children of the third through the sixth grades seem to indicate that some progress has been made. It is be-

lieved that the present writing system, the spelling series now used in the second through the eighth grade, and the program of auditory discrimination, word analysis, and phonetic elements, have contributed to the improvement indicated by the tests.

Dr. Wilbert Pronovost, Co-Director of the Boston University Speech Clinic, has recently examined all children in the elementary schools who seem to be having some difficulty with speech, and has held private consultations with their parents. This was followed by a long discussion with all parents and teachers of speech-handicapped children concerning factors which seem to contribute to speech difficulties, and suggestions for helping children to overcome them. Seriously handicapped children were referred to the Boston University Speech Clinic. Children attending the clinic take their regular school work with them and attend the clinic two days a week for two hours at a time. They have both individual and group instruction. This service is rendered to schools free of charge.

In the spring Dr. Pronovost will give a course in Needham in Speech Improvement. It is especially important that schools concern themselves with this subject because it is desirable in a democracy that all citizens be able to express themselves clearly, distinctly and effectively.

### **Junior High School**

Last year proved to be a highly successful one for the pupils at the Junior High School. The football, basketball, and track teams were undefeated, and the baseball team won the majority of the games on its schedule. The girls and the 7th grade boys had enthusiastic intramural leagues during each of the three sport seasons of the year. The 9th grade chorus, accompanied by the school orchestra, presented "The Mikado." This operetta, with all members of the faculty assisting, was extremely well done and the excellent costuming and scenery made it most effective. The Boys' Gym Meet provided an opportunity for parents to see the splendid work done by the Physical Education Department. The Nee-Hi-News, the yearly publication of the school, was received with much appreciation and interest. Our Promotion Day Exercises were held on a Saturday morning, and resulted in capacity attendance, since most parents were able to attend. This assembly, plus many others held on Friday mornings, offered the pupils many educationally worthwhile as well as entertaining experiences — both as participants and as spectators.

As in the elementary school, the teaching load of some of our Junior High School faculty is at maximum and, as a result, our curriculum cannot include several worthwhile subjects. Home Mechanics for girls is impossible since our Industrial Arts teacher has a full schedule. Mechanical Drawing is impossible because both the Art and Industrial Arts teachers have full schedules which not only prevent teaching the subject, but keep these specialized rooms unavailable. At present, approximately twenty boys and twenty girls in the ninth grade can elect the Industrial Arts course, enabling them to take shop, or cooking and sewing. Many of the pupils who enjoyed this work in the 7th and 8th grade are denied the opportunity of electing it during their 9th grade.

One of our most urgent needs at present is for a full-time remedial reading teacher. Most of the better Junior High schools provide an opportunity for this instruction in their schools. Educators are unanimous in their opinion that specialized teaching of reading must be continued through Secondary School. We have clung too long to the ideal theory that all children learn to read in the elementary school and are then fully prepared to read to learn in the secondary school.

### **Senior High School**

The Class of 1949, 184 in number, inaugurated the policy of holding its graduating exercises on Memorial Field. The innovation was generally regarded as being very successful. Fifty-eight percent of the class entered these institutions of higher learning: American International, Babson Institute, Boston University, Bowdoin, Bridgeport University, Bridgewater Teachers College, Brown, Connecticut College for Women, Dartmouth, Elmira, Framingham Teachers College, Idaho State, Jackson, Massachusetts School of Art, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Massachusetts, Michigan State, Mount Holyoke, Northeastern University, Purdue, Regis, Rhode Island State, Rhode Island School of Design, Simmons, Smith, Tufts, University of Virginia, Wheaton and Wooster.

Scholarships were awarded to our graduates by the following colleges: Babson Institute, Boston University, Brown, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Wheaton.

Two of our graduates were elected to Phi Beta Kappa last year, one at Harvard and another at Dartmouth,— adding two more to our long list, and others were on the Dean's List at

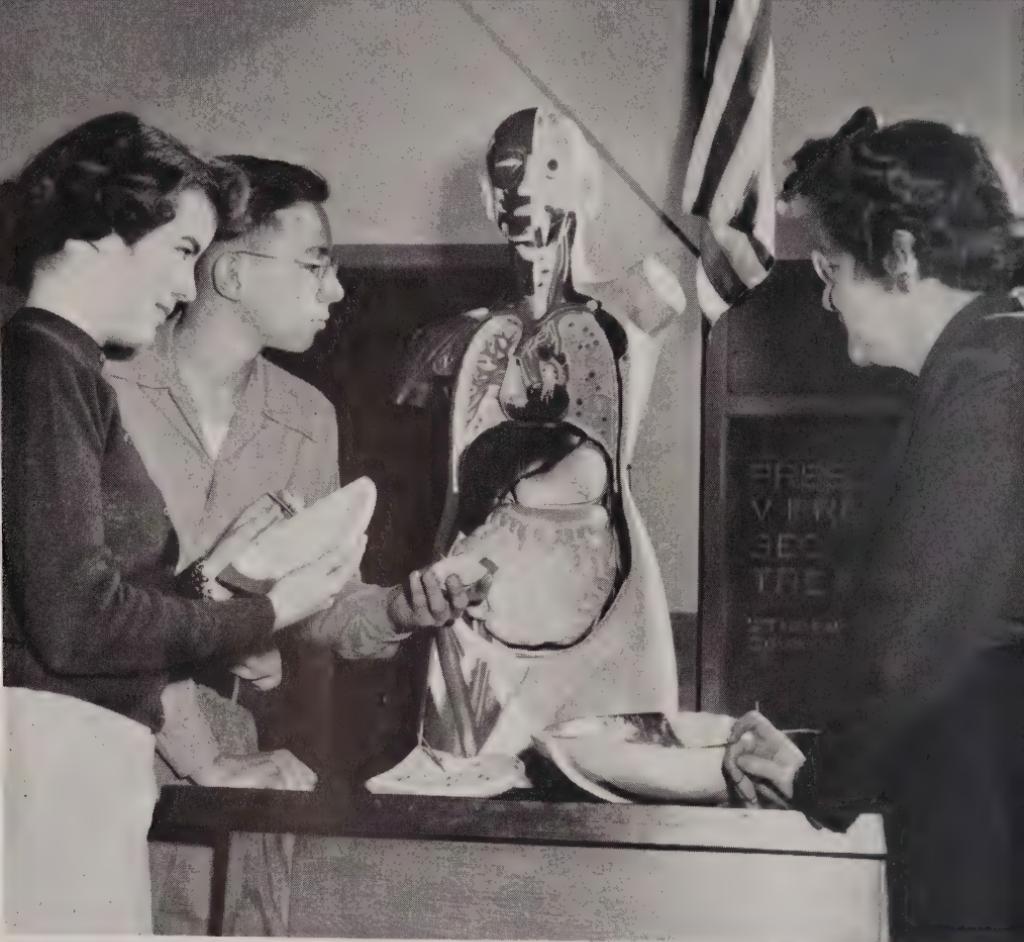
Brown, Colby, Dartmouth, Elmira, Madison, Maine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Massachusetts, Northeastern, Notre Dame, Simmons, Springfield, Syracuse, Tufts and West Point. Reports from colleges concerning extra-curricular activities indicate that many of our graduates are achieving noteworthy success on both the athletic field and campus. The demand for our commercial graduates still exceeds the supply.

Much has been written and said in recent years about the poor holding power of our secondary schools. It is a pleasure to report that our holding power is very high. Last year, a typical year with us, 2.5% left school either to go to work or to enter a trade school. This would seem to indicate that our Program of Studies, while not perfect by any manner of means, makes sense to the great majority of our youth.

Our Program of Studies, when compared with those of comparable schools, shows that even after dropping German, we are

*Nee-Hi News — Junior High School*





*Science — Senior High School*

offering more in the field of languages than they, and that we have several subjects, such as Elements of Aeronautics, and Art and Music Appreciation, that are rarely found, if at all in their offerings. The work in Manual Training has increased in scope with succeeding years so that now, in addition to wood working which was our initial offering, it includes metal work, welding, photography, and the mechanics of automobile and airplane engines. Likewise the work in Home Economics has expanded to include child care, home planning, applied art, and interior decoration, along with the usual comprehensive work in cooking and sewing.

The matter of adding a course in Problems of Democracy to the list of subjects offered has been given careful consideration, but because the subject matter therein is being covered to a considerable degree in our courses of United States History and

Government, Commercial Law, and Economics, plus Good Government Day, as prescribed by State Law, and Youth in Government sponsored by the Exchange Club, it was decided to avoid duplication of effort by excluding it.

Sociology, as a half-year course in connection with either Economics or Commercial Law, has been introduced in a number of schools. Such a combination might prove to be worthwhile.

At a recent meeting of high principals, the Supervisor of Secondary School Education in this State said that the following points should be stressed in today's schools: Atomic education, health, driver education, consumer education, citizenship, and audio-visual education. We are stressing all of the above.

For ten years now, the members of our band have been arrayed in the cast-off blue coats of citizens of our community — coats which have been adorned with braid and brass buttons sewed thereon by mothers of members of the band — white skirts or pants, furnished by the wearers, and white caps with black visors. When viewed from a distance, the total effect was not bad, but when seen at close range, especially in parades and at music festivals, it was not so good. Mr. Pollard, as chairman of the Music Committee of our State Principals' Association, has had the duty of listening to and viewing the musical organizations of the leading schools of our State, and says that while our performance musically has invariably been of a high order, our appearance has left much to be desired. Our band is an asset to the school and the community. The time has come to equip the band with respectable uniforms.

More and more we hear emphasized in the field of physical education, the need of teaching young people games that can be played to advantage long after school days are over. Tennis is such a game. There are many boys and girls in our school who want to learn to play the game, but there are no public tennis courts in Needham. Our athletic facilities, with this one exception, are quite complete. Can't something be done to add a number of tennis courts to our otherwise fine set-up?

#### STATISTICS OF ENROLLMENT

October 1, 1949

	Kn.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Spl.	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P.G.	Total
Senior High . . . . .								2				189	135	179	1	506
Junior High . . . . .									202	185	181					568
Stephen Palmer . . . . .	96	103	111	93	74	105	77									659
Carter-Avery . . . . .	86	103	63	53	42	49	94									490
Harris . . . . .	46	74	66	62	51	13										312
Dwight . . . . .	17	27	23	29	17	22	26									161
Eliot . . . . .	11	19	18	7	8	11										74
Totals . . . . .	256	326	281	244	192	200	197	2	202	185	181	189	135	179	1	2,770
TOTAL ELEMENTARY — 1,696																
																TOTAL SECONDARY — 1,074

**PERSONNEL LIST AS OF JANUARY, 1950**

Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year began in Needham
<i>Superintendent</i> Derwood A. Newman	B.S. in Engin. Ed.M., Ed.D.	University of New Hampshire Harvard University	1944
<i>Senior High School</i>			
William F. Pollard	A.B.	Middlebury College	1927
Principal	Ed.M.	Harvard University	
John E. Nelson	A.B.	Williams College	1932
Bookkeeping			
William A. Berry, Jr.	B.A.	Dartmouth College	1943
Counselor, Driver Ed.			
Algebra			
Annie M. Currie	A.B.	Tufts College	1920
English, Spanish			
F. Clare Curtin	B.A.	Yale	1946
English	M.A.	Columbia	
Catherine Dodge	A.B.	University of New Hampshire	1925
English	M.A.	Middlebury College	
Florence Durgin	2 yr. (Diploma)	Plymouth N. H. State	1922
Economics	A.B.	Boston University	
M. E. History	M.A.	Boston University	
Anna P. Fessenden	B.A.	Smith College	1926
Mathematics	M.S.	University of Minnesota	
Fred L. Frost	A.B.	Lebanon Valley	1919
U. S. History	M.A.	Columbia University	
	Ed.M.	Harvard	
J. Clifford Geer	B.S.	Tufts College	1949
Physics, Chemistry		Boston University	
Audio-Visual	Ed.M.		
Frederick Gorgone, Jr.	A.B.	Boston College	1947
U. S. History	A.M.	Harvard University	
Econ. Geog.			
Alice C. Gates	2 yr. (Diploma)	Fitchburg State	1925
Biology	B.S.	Boston University	
Margaret Guthrie	2 yr. (Diploma)	Bryant & Stratton	1930
Typing, Bookkeeping	B.C.S.	New York University	
Econ., Geog.			
Ruth C. Harrington	A.B.	Boston University	1926
French			
Leroy K. Houghton, Jr.	B.S.	University of Massachusetts	1947
Math., Chemistry	M.E.	Boston University	
Audrey M. Jensen (Mrs.)	B.S.	St. Olaf's	1949
Home Economics			
Margaret C. Kenney	A.B.	Wellesley College	1938
Spanish	M.Ed.	Boston University	
Gertrude Lewis	B.S.Ed.	Boston University	1929
Stenography, Typing			
Evelyne S. Merrill (Mrs.)	1 yr.	Westbrook Junior	1944
English	A.B.	Colby College	
Ernest J. Pelletier	B.S.	University of New Hampshire	1936
Industrial Arts			
Elements of Aeronautics			
Earl G. Pithie	A.B.	Amherst College	1945
Latin			
Asa Small	A.B.	Bowdoin	1927
Com. Law, Math.	Li. B.	Northeastern University	
	Li.M.	Boston University	
Louise Steele	B.A.	Colby	1926
English	Ed.M.	Harvard University	
<i>Junior High School</i>			
James M. Peebles	B.S.Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1940
Principal	M.A.	Columbia University	
Doris Askew	2 yr. (Diploma)	Oswego N. Y. State	1935
Social Studies, Eng.	B.S.	Columbia Teachers College	
Hope Bryant	B.S.	Simmons College	1942
Home Economics	M.Ed.	Boston University	
M. Earle Chase	B.S.	University of Massachusetts	1942
Science	B.S. Ed.	Bridgewater State	
Lorraine A. Claxton (Mrs.)	3 yr. (Diploma)	E. Stroudsburg Pa. State	1944
Arith., Science	B.S.	E. Stroudsburg Pa. State	
Sylvia Collins	Summers	Farmington, Keene and	1925
Algebra, Jr. Business		Plymouth State Normal	
Myrtle Colson	B.S.Ed.	Boston Teachers College	1937
Algebra, Math.	M.Ed.	Boston Teachers College	
Joseph DePasqua	B.A.	Amherst College	1945
Social Studies			
Mary Dugan	2 yr. (Diploma)	Fitchburg State	1930
General Math.		Suffolk University Law School	
Soc. Studies	Li.B.		

**PERSONNEL — *Continued***

Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year began in Needham
<i>Junior High School — cont.</i>			
Clarence Dussault English	B.S.	Georgetown University	1949
Marion F. Ferguson Guidance, English	B.S. M.Ed.	Portland Junior College Gorham State Teachers College Andover Newton Theological School Boston University	1949
R. Ashley Holt Arith., Science Visual Ed.	B.P.E.	Springfield College Boston University	1932
Geraldine Illingworth English, Music	B.Mus.	Boston University	1947
Charles Khirallah Art	B.S.Ed.	Massachusetts School of Art Harvard University	1949
Ursula Leaman (Mrs.) Math., Science	3 yr. (Diploma)	Salem Teachers College	1947
Elizabeth Linscott (Mrs.) English	A.B.	Boston University	1946
Katherine Locke Latin, History	A.B. M.A.	Hollins College University of Michigan	1936
Evelyn Martin (Mrs.) English, Music Social Studies	2 yr. (Diploma)	Gorham Me. State Teachers Boston University University of Colorado	1934
Nellie T. O'Brien Social Studies	2 yr. (Diploma)	Framingham State Teachers	1916
Margaret E. O'Leary (Mrs.) Eng., Social Studies	B.S.Ed. M.Ed.	Boston University Boston University	1946
Edward Perrin Industrial Arts	B.S.Ed.	State Teachers College Mansfield, Penna.	1942
Jerome C. Sisson Science	B.S. M.Ed.	Clarkson College of Technology Boston University	1928
K. Lucille Wharton Social Studies	A.B. M.A.	University of Illinois Columbia University	1938
<i>Stephen Palmer School</i>			
Arnold Lunt Principal	B.S.Ed. M.Ed.	Boston University Boston University	1946
Gladys J. Benton (Mrs.) Grade IV	2 yr. (Diploma)	Edinboro Pa. State Teachers	1925
Mariva L. Bruce Grade VI	3 yr. (Diploma) B.S.Ed.	Salem Normal School Boston University	1949
Estelle Cassidy Grade III	3 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Farmington Me. State Teachers Hyannis State Teachers	1941
Clara Dray Grade I	2 yr. (Diploma)	Perry Kindergarten Boston University	1925
Jane B. Doughty Grade I	3 yr. (Diploma)	Bridgewater State Teachers Boston University	1919
Elsie C. Ferguson (Mrs.) Grade II	3 yr. (Diploma) B.S.	Boston Teachers College	1944
Alice Glassett (Mrs.) Grade VI	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Framingham State Teachers Boston University	1926
Barbara Hatch (Mrs.) Grade III	2 yr. (Diploma)	Lowell State Teachers	1941
Margaret Heideman (Mrs.) Grade VI	2 yr. (Diploma)	Springfield Kindergarten Training	1944
Virginia Jacques Kindergarten	B.S. in Ed.	Wheelock College	1946
Bertha Johnson Grade V	2 yr. (Diploma)	Castleton Vt. State Teachers	1918
Phyllis Johnson Grade I	2 yr. (Diploma)	Lesley College Hyannis Summer	1946
Alice McDougald Kindergarten	2 yr. (Diploma)	Fisher Kindergarten	1916
Ruth S. Manchester (Mrs.) Grade II	2 yr. (Diploma)	Bridgewater State Teachers	1943
James H. Pettengill Grade VI	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1948
Mary S. Shields (Mrs.) Grade IV and V	(Diploma) B.S.E.	Boston Teachers College University of Maine Boston University	1949
Wilma F. Smith (Mrs.) Grade IV	2 yr. (Diploma)	Eastern State Normal Maine	1927
Margaret Wilcock Grade V	2 yr. (Diploma) 1 yr. (Diploma)	North Adams State Teachers Bridgewater State Teachers	1930
Madolin Wilcox Grade II	2 yr. (Diploma)	Farmington Maine State Teachers Boston University Hyannis State Teachers	1919

**PERSONNEL — *Continued***

Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year began in Needham
<i>Dwight School</i>			
John H. Jenkins, Jr. Principal Grade VI	A.B. M.A.	Bowdoin Columbia University	1940
Martha M. Bates (Mrs.) Grades IV and V	B.S.	Worcester State Teachers College Clark University Boston University Bridgewater Teachers College	1949
Florence Day Grade II	B.S. in Ed.	Lesley College	1948
Katherine Halloran Grade I	B.S. in Ed.	Wheelock College	1948
Eleanor MacDonald (Mrs.) Kindergarten	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1946
Marion Hancock (Mrs.) Grade III	3 yr. (Diploma)		
<i>William Carter School</i>			
Minot MacDonald Principal	B.S. in Ed. M.A.	Bridgewater State Teachers Columbia University	1937
Mildred S. Crocker (Mrs.) Grade V	2 yr. (Diploma)	Bridgewater State Teachers New England Conservatory Boston University	1945
Eva B. Davis (Mrs.) Grade V and VI	2 yr. (Diploma)	Plymouth N. H. State Teachers	1937
Dorothy Fleming (Mrs.) Grade II	2 yr. (Diploma)	Fitchburg State Teachers	1949
Dennis F. Foley Grade VI	B.S. in Ed.	Salem Teachers Boston University	1941
Elsie Kalin (Mrs.) Grade III	B.Ed.	New Haven State Teachers	1945
Helen C. Kelly Grade I	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Framingham State Teachers Boston University	1930
Gertrude F. Maroni (Mrs.) Grade IV	2 yr. (Diploma) 3 yr. Certif. B.S. in Ed.	Salem State Teachers Salem State Teachers Bridgewater State Teachers	1931
Olga M. Peet (Mrs.) Grade III, IV	B.S. in Ed.	Boston University	1937
Marian McKillop (Mrs.) Grade II	3 yr. (Diploma)	Boston Teachers College	1947
Marie L. Henry Grade VI	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1948
<i>Avery School</i>			
Cynthia M. Gregory Kindergarten	2 yr. (Diploma)	Wheelock	1934
Catherine G. Hogan Kindergarten	B.S. in Ed.	Worcester State Teachers	1948
Helen H. Palubinskas (Mrs.) Grade I	B.S. Ed.	Boston University Oberlin Conservatory of Music	1949
Helen C. Peterson Grade I	2 yr. (Diploma)	Western Reserve University Gorham State Teachers College Hyannis State Teachers	1940
<i>Eliot School</i>			
Gladys I. Gilbert Principal Grade IV, V	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Gorham Maine State Teachers Columbia	1925
Anne E. Fawcett Grade II, III	2 yr. (Diploma)	Massachusetts Normal Art	1919
Lillian Prescott (Mrs.) Grade I	2 yr. (Diploma)	Hyannis State Teachers	1921
Edith M. Silcox Kindergarten	B.S. Ed.	Gorham Maine State Teachers Wheelock College	1949
<i>Harris School</i>			
Rebecca Perry Principal	2 yr. (Diploma)	Washington State Normal, Maine	1924
Ruth S. Carey (Mrs.) Grade I	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Boston University Framingham State Teachers	1943
Lucille Gilman (Mrs.) Grade I	B.Ed.	Hyannis State Teachers Keene Teachers College	1949
Elsie M. Hinkley Kindergarten	1½ yr.	Framingham State Teachers	1918
Ruth E. Jacobs Grade II	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Boston University Hyannis State Teachers	1930
Mary K. Lane Grade IV, V	A.B. Ed.M.	Boston University Emmanuel College	1941
Evelyn A. Lowell Grade III	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Boston University Farmington Maine State Teachers	1941
Dorothy Mitchell (Mrs.) Grade III	2 yr. (Diploma)	Columbia University Gorham Normal	1946

**PERSONNEL — *Continued***

Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year began in Needham
<i>Harris School — cont.</i>			
Jane Russell Grade IV	B.S.	Bridgewater Teachers College	1946
Dorothy Turner Grade II	B.S.	Bridgewater Teachers College	1946
<i>Supervisors and Specials</i>			
Mary Badger Music — Elem. Grades	B.S.	Skidmore College	1946
Madeline E. Bartell Elementary Supervisor	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1945
Margaret Carroll Physical Education	M.Ed.	Boston University	1936
Philip Claxton Physical Education	B.S.	E. Stroudsburg State Normal	1929
Mario DeFazio Physical Education	3 yr. (Diploma)	E. Stroudsburg State Teachers	
William R. Fisher Music, Band	B.S.	Boston University	1935
Elaine MacMahon Physical Education	Ed.M.	Boston University	
William Rinehart Handwriting	B.S. in Music	New York University	1938
John R. Sawyer Art—Sr. High and Elem.	M.A.	New York University	
Dorothea P. Shea Remedial Reading	Ed.D.	Boston University	
Myrtle Taylor Remedial Reading Testing	B.S.	Sargent College	1949
William F. Valdina Guidance Director	M.Ed.		

**Health Service**

Helen T. Daly, R.N. Nurse	B.S.	St. Elizabeth's Hospital	1949
Henry W. Gilbert, M.D.	School Physician	Simmons College	
David E. Mann, M.D.	School Physician		

**Cafeteria Service**

Lois M. Carley Dietitian	B.S.	University of Connecticut	1944
Helen Daley	Cook, Senior High School		1948
Jean Fairbanks	Cook, Senior High School		1947
Eleanor Kerrigan	Assistant, Harris School		1948
Anna M. Pfeifer	Cook, Junior High School		1944
Hazel Roper	Cook, Stephen Palmer School		1946
Evelyn Tisdale	Assistant, Dwight School		1948
Blanche Wright	Cook, William Carter School		1947

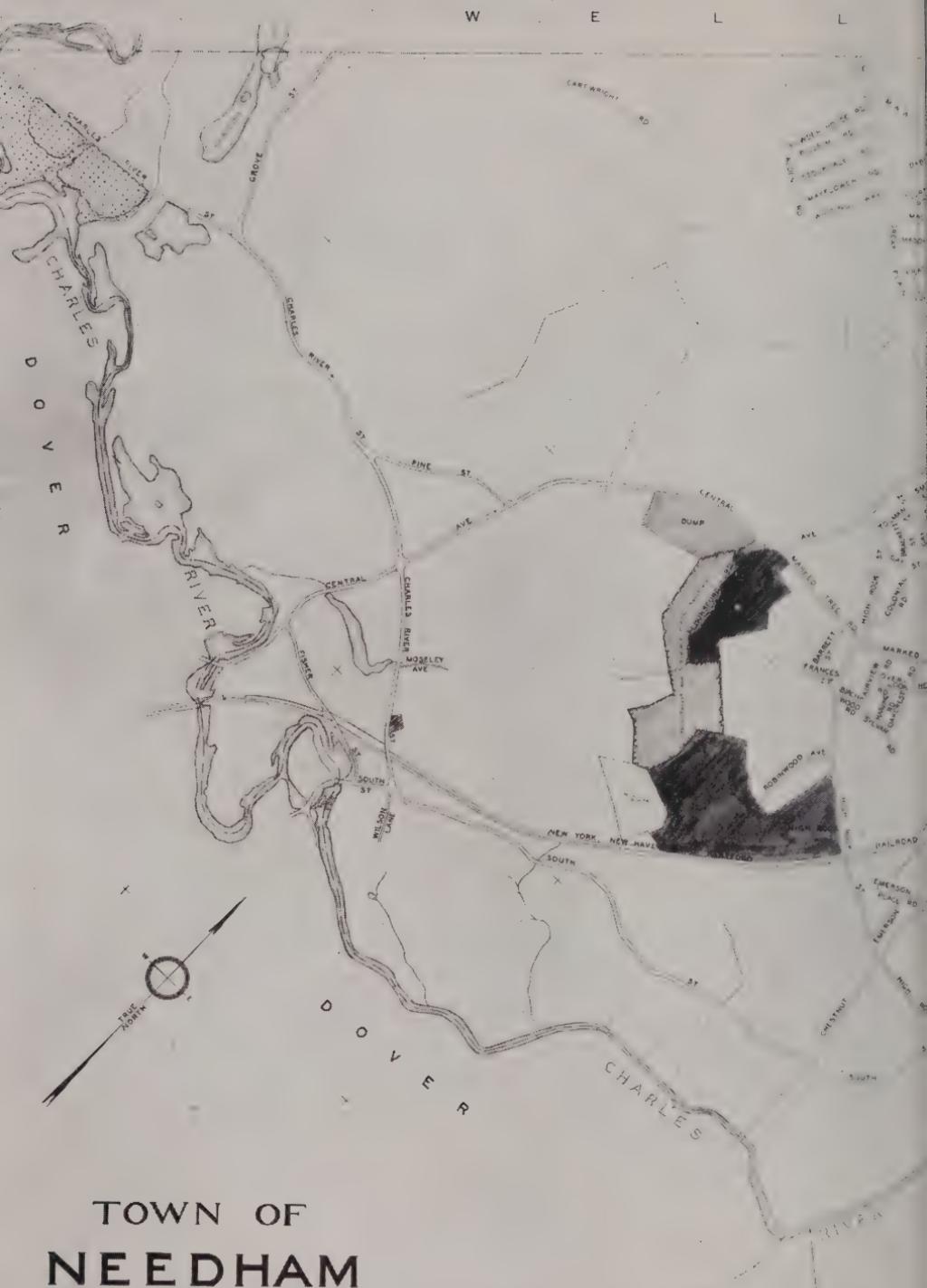
**General Control**

Dene R. Kelley (Mrs.) Departmental Assistant	2 yr. (Diploma)	Framingham State Teachers	1926
Margaret Palmstrom (Mrs.) Secretary, Jr. High School	Certificate	Pierce Secretarial School	1948
Esther P. Robinson (Mrs.) Secretary Superintendent	2 yr. Certif.	Boston University — P.A.L.	1945
Ruth E. Salamone (Mrs.) Guidance Secretary	Certificate	Fisher Secretarial School	1949
Edna F. Slaney (Mrs.) Secretary, Sr. High School	Diploma	Chandler Secretarial School	1926
Edward Wainwright Attendance Officer			
George B. Jones		Superintendent of School Buildings	1934
Everett Heald		Maintenance	1946
Lester C. Merritt		Stockroom — Truck	1945

**Custodians of School Buildings**

Mason T. Bird	Service in Senior High School	1947
William A. Cassidy	Service in William Carter School	1935
Cornelius J. Coughlin	Service in Senior High School	1942
Horace Cutler	Service in Stephen Palmer School	1945
John M. Daley	Service in Harris School	1923
Bertram Mackiernan	Service in Eliot School	1947
Frederick C. Newey	Service in Stephen Palmer School	1934
Alfred E. Stark	Service in Junior High School	1940
Edward Stephenson	Service in Senior High School	1948
Charles B. Stuart	Service in Junior High School	1930
Johannes TerVeem	Service in Emery Grover School	1949
Benjamin Thomas	Service in Avery School	1946
Ralph VanOrnum	Service in Dwight School	1943

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# TOWN OF NEEDHAM MASS.

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FRANCIS L. CHENEY

CIVL ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

## LEGEND

PARK LANDS	SCHOOL LANDS
STATE RESERVATION	
MUNICIPAL BLDG. LANDS	
MISCEL. TOWN LANDS	
NEEDHAM WATER LANDS	
OTHER WATER LANDS	
TOWN FOREST	



# Inspection Department

Clyde E. Cookson, Electrical

Fred E. Cookson, Plumbing

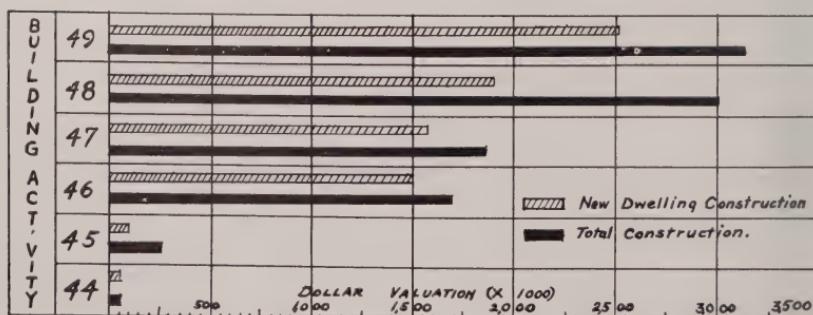
Edwin D. Keyes, Building

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	Fees Collected
1945	0	\$6,582.56	\$6,560.45	\$1,388.75
1946	0	7,316.43	7,140.73	5,263.25
1947	0	8,389.86	8,386.65	6,163.75
1948	0	8,763.51	8,641.03	6,944.00
1949	0	9,548.90	9,424.30	7,777.75

This year 284 single residence permits were issued covering an estimated construction cost of \$2,545,000. This figure represents only the basic costs of the real property values added during 1949. Total construction, reconstruction, alterations, additions and repairs reached \$3,303,518, a new annual high. The department has made over 4,000 inspections and issued 1,850 permits during 1949. Consultations before construction have been frequent. Inspections followed construction progress at appropriate intervals. Fees collected met over 75% of the department's *total* costs.

The Inspection Department plays an essential part in the field of public safety. Its construction experts make periodic inspections of properties to lessen fire hazards and protect lives.

The importance of the work and heavy work load of this department should justify full time employment for the Building Inspector and provision of clerical assistance.



# Public Works

Lester C. Hollis, *Superintendent*

	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>1945</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>\$362,865.09</b>	<b>\$192,671.39</b>
<b>1946</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>519,600.08</b>	<b>397,481.17</b>
<b>1947</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>706,000.14</b>	<b>636,856.02</b>
<b>1948</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>756,056.89</b>	<b>695,745.03</b>
<b>1949</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>707,229.63</b>	<b>564,771.04</b>

The scope of the Public Works Department activities is determined by Massachusetts statute which provides that the Selectmen shall appoint a Superintendent to administer the duties of Highway Surveyors, Water, Sewer and Park Commissioners, Tree Wardens, Town Engineer. The statute further provides that the Selectmen may, from time to time, delegate other duties under their control to the Superintendent of the Public Works Department.

This is the 16th Annual Report of the department and marks completion of the second year of extensive construction involving the expenditure of nearly \$500,000. During each of these two years the construction program has been double that of any previous post-war year. The continual demands for expansion of the sewerage and water systems, increased street mileage with incidental essential facilities clearly indicate the fact that increasingly large appropriations will be required for maintenance purposes. Contrary to this fact has been the policy, during recent years, to reduce recommended maintenance appropriations.

To fully meet essential maintenance requirements within the restricted budgets has required the most careful planning. While past experience and the previous year's appropriation may provide a reasonable basis for current requests, it has been our endeavor to base requests for funds on actually planned, essential operations.

The wide scope of activities of the department develop a serious difficulty in establishing a sound pattern for overall expenditures. Through careful analysis and planning by all concerned, our main objectives have been met in a manner which it is hoped is satisfactory to our fellow taxpayers.

Our construction program for 1949 had as its principal item the building of the North Needham Sewerage Pumping Station at a total cost of \$51,290.

The building was erected by C. R. Burns & Sons for \$44,211. Fairbanks, Morse & Company furnished the 2-500 g.p.m. pumps and accessories at \$2,680. Control equipment was supplied by the General Electric Company at a cost of \$2,943. Miscellaneous items accounted for an additional \$1,456.

From this new station to an existing line at Webster Street and Highland Avenue 5,300 feet of gravity pipe line and 4,570 feet of force main pipe line were installed at a cost of \$76,467.

Up to the present time we have successfully controlled threats to the beauty and health of Needham by insect pests and fungi by effective use of our Lawrence Mist Sprayer. This machine, purchased in 1948, has provided an efficient weapon for insect control and for protection of our shade trees. Under present State law we will be required during 1950 to act in suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths. Recent legislation for the eradication and control of Dutch Elm disease will require further Town action. To cover these activities appropriate articles will be presented in the Town Meeting Warrant.

Rising labor rates and related factors have resulted in a large reduction in the amount of street maintenance possible within the limits of our available funds. In order to meet this problem it is essential that our efficiency be improved through substitution of modern mechanical equipment for hand labor. It has been our endeavor to modernize our methods in this way.

During 1946, with an appropriation of \$50,000 for replacement and repair of equipment, special attention was given to our antiquated street cleaning methods, an operation involving the largest single group of men in the department. Modern street cleaning equipment, performing the operations of sweeping and gathering litter, was purchased. This equipment replaced three sizable street cleaning gangs. Our records show savings of one-half in cost per mile of streets cleaned through this application of mechanical method.

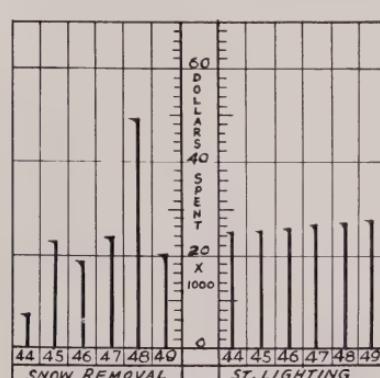
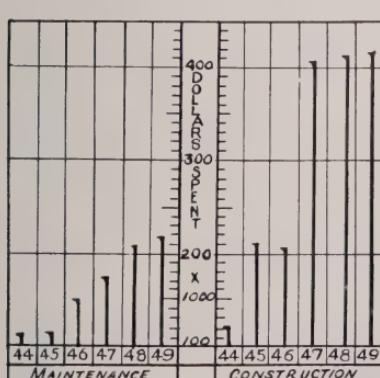
At this time we are giving consideration to further possible efficiency gains through mechanization of our day to day operations. An immediate recommendation is for the expenditure of about \$4,000 for a trailer street cleaning unit designed to pick up leaves and litter and to be hauled by available tractor. This equipment offers a sound solution for a troublesome task.

To cope with our growing maintenance requirements and need for greatest possible efficiency we must anticipate the need for such equipment as a road grader, rotary snow remover and

loader, rubber mounted front end loader, catchbasin cleaner, salt spreaders, power mower, power sewer cleaner. During the past two years appropriation for such equipment has been less than \$5,000 per year. Our considered recommendations for the year 1950 is the sum of \$30,000 which we trust the Town will consider favorably.

#### SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Maintenance Salaries . . . . .	\$160,304.60	\$157,678.61	\$2,625.99
Maintenance Expenses . . . . .	56,049.00	56,006.24	42.76
Out of State . . . . .	300.00	300.00	.....
Street Lights . . . . .	27,200.00	27,141.46	58.54
Snow and Ice Removal . . . . .	20,000.00	19,999.16	.84
Equipment Replacement . . . . .	1,650.00	1,562.37	87.63
Equipment — New . . . . .	250.00	210.00	40.00
Drain Construction . . . . .	62,151.72	38,477.00	23,674.72
Sidewalks . . . . .	1,000.00	632.01	367.99
Street Construction — Betterment Act . . . . .	19,581.23	10,031.57	9,549.66
Specific Repairs . . . . .	6,500.00	5,109.79	1,390.21
Sewer Construction . . . . .	194,637.00	108,934.91	85,702.09
Sewer House Connections . . . . .	25,000.00	22,901.75	2,098.25
Street Lighting — Private Ways . . .	193.82	.....	193.82
Water Main Construction . . . . .	87,050.00	81,601.91	5,448.09
New Addition to Pump House . . . .	5,743.45	5,743.45	.....
Mosquito Control . . . . .	3,950.00	2,480.27	1,469.73
Chapter 90 Maintenance . . . . .	3,000.00	2,519.15	480.85
Rosemary Beach . . . . .	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....
Town Forest . . . . .	521.70	412.77	108.93
Park Improvements . . . . .	2,000.00	1,328.28	671.72
Traffic Signals . . . . .	2,500.00	2,385.58	114.42
Housing Authority Drains . . . . .	16,809.98	8,477.63	8,332.35
Housing Authority Water . . . . .	8,837.13	8,837.13	.....
Total 1949 . . . . .	\$707,229.63	\$564,771.04	\$142,458.59



# Veterans' Services

F. J. Stanwood, *Agent*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	2	\$32,290.00	\$22,543.51
1946	2	29,761.55	18,790.98
1947	2	24,115.69	21,122.85
1948	2	25,172.14	23,127.46
1949	2	27,762.05	27,177.77

Of 53 cases, representing 120 persons, 33 required medical care, 14 hospitalization, and 3 burial expense. Hospital expenses were less than anticipated. During the year both hospital and doctor fees were increased by State regulation. We expect medical expenses to increase in 1950.

Counselling, except for educational routines, has increased materially. Education routines are well handled by local and State educational departments, and in consequence the case load of this department is reduced. Unemployment conditions are anticipated to grow worse in 1950. In the past year many have been unemployed and a still greater number, while employed, are working at reduced salaries.

The Salvation Army has assisted in several cases ineligible for veterans benefits and has made allotments to relieve large medical bills.

As to general policies—several cases require more assistance than the State budget allows under Chapter 584. Whereas in the past this department has been liberal in such excess payments, we propose to conform as closely as possible to the State budgets. Hereafter, able-bodied sons of applicants will be expected to contribute more to their parents and dependents.

Duties of the department are: *State*—Administration of all activities of many laws, but chiefly Chapter 115, as amended, and Chapters 584 and 599; *Federal*—Assistance to qualified veterans and their dependents under a large number of U. S. Government laws and regulations.

# Town Forest Committee

**Dr. J. Walter Schirmer, Chairman**

**Lester C. Hollis, Secretary**

**R. Douglas Lowden**

The Needham Town Forest Wild Life and Bird Sanctuary comprises approximately 107 acres in the main High Rock Forest and 60 acres more or less adjoining the Water Works Pumping Station. On this latter area 25,000 red pine seedlings were planted a few years ago. Most of these trees have grown to a height of 7 or 8 feet. They are healthy and if properly cared for in coming years will reimburse the Town for any expense involved in their upkeep. Some trimming and weeding are essential when funds are available.

The forest area surrounding High Rock consists largely of second growth hard wood trees badly in need of trimming and weeding. This area is well supplied with old wood roads used in the days when lumbering was conducted in this region. The roads have been cleared of brush and rocks and are accessible for fire fighting apparatus, although they are not accessible for

*Fireplace — High Rock*



general automobile use. The five hundred dollars appropriated for Town forest improvement this year has been expended by the committee largely for construction of a crossing over a brook on one of the important fire lanes and for the necessary filling.

The Committee plans to obtain seedlings of evergreens from State nurseries to plant in the coming Spring when clearing has been done. The entire area has been posted, forbidding shooting, trapping and wood cutting, thereby making the paths safe for walking and other outdoor activities.

The Needham Rotary Club has erected an outdoor stone fireplace between High Rock Street and the High Rock. This fireplace, attractive in design and usefulness, is located near the street and the street hydrant. A suitable bronze tablet shows the donor of the fireplace. It is hoped that other organizations or individuals, will furnish fireplaces in locations agreed upon with the Committee. Owing to the severe drought this past summer and fall, it was necessary to restrict somewhat the use of fires in this area. The prevailing water shortage throughout the country calls attention to the adequate water supply of Needham and the advantage of a large adjoining forest area, including our Town Forest, which is a valuable adjunct to this water storage.

From time to time, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association, visits have been made by the Committee to other town forests. Much valuable forest information has been obtained from these conducted tours.

There are in Massachusetts 127 town forests with an average of 312 acres each, a total of 39,839 acres. Needham, with a total of 167 acres is well below the average. While lacking in fine growth of standing timber, which some of the forests have, Needham has a distinct advantage in having its main forest well within walking distance of the center of population and its schools.

Due to the below average fall of snow last winter, some of the men permanently employed by the Town were available for work in the Town forest for several days. This made possible valuable forest work which otherwise would have been impossible because of a lack of funds.

The Forest Committee is convinced that funds appropriated for intelligent forest improvements are an investment for the Town rather than an expenditure.

# Board of Assessors

*Arthur H. Godfrey, Principal Assessor*

*A. Sterling Holt, Secretary*

*Earl W. Richwagen*

	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
1945	2	\$10,785.54	\$9,100.38
1946	2	11,295.72	9,698.63
1947	2	14,232.15	10,970.73
1948	2	14,266.13	13,015.46
1949	2	12,906.29	12,031.21

In 1949 Needham again led all towns in Massachusetts in its building program, and as in other years the major part of this building is represented by single-family dwellings. Over two hundred houses were built and ready for occupancy, exclusive of the eighty homes under construction for the Needham Housing Authority.

## Assessments vs. Exemptions

Chapter 59 of the General Laws deals principally with local taxation. This chapter specifies not only what persons and property are taxable, but also explains the matter of exemptions and to whom they may be granted. It also specifically states that persons requesting exemptions must prove their qualifications for same.

The 1949 Legislature magnanimously increased the number of exemptions covered by Clause 22, Section 5, Chapter 59, by extending to recipients of the Order of the Purple Heart the same consideration granted other expressly-mentioned veterans and relatives, to become effective January 1, 1950. Also as of January 1, 1950, all male persons attaining the age of 65 years may apply for abatement of their poll tax, instead of at 70 years as previously.

Due to legislation already in the General Laws, our exemptions for 1949 increased twofold.

## Tax Trends

It is very evident that the Legislature through pressure is granting exemptions to certain classes of persons and properties.

This is a very fine gesture on the part of our legal representatives but might also be termed political expediency. Real estate tax payers should be alert to this condition so that we may get some concerted action to halt the rise in real estate taxes.

#### TOWN BUDGET AND STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

Town Appropriations (Voted by Town Meetings) .....	\$1,970,471.97
State Tax and Assessments .....	38,516.50
County Tax and Hospital Assessments. ....	59,120.00
Overlay .....	15,831.85
Gross amount to be raised .....	<hr/> \$2,083,940.32

#### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Town (All revenue derived from Water Department, Hospital, Motor Vehicle Excise, etc.) .....	\$457,212.88
Income Tax (Collected by State and returned to the Town) .....	77,353.10
Corporation Tax (Collected by State, etc.) ..	83,782.91
Meals Tax (Collected by State, etc.) .....	1,810.74
	<hr/> \$620,159.63
Available Funds (From Excess and Deficiency Account; Unexpended balances from previous year) .....	130,483.15
Overestimates of 1948 — State.....	1,004.37
	<hr/> \$751,647.15

\$1,332,293.17 to be raised by taxation on Poll Taxes, Personal and Real Estate Taxes (levied and collected by Town)	
Tax Rate .....	\$38.00 per \$1,000.00
Poll Taxes, 5,028 at \$2.00 each (levied against all males 20 years and older with certain exceptions) .....	10,056.00
Personal Property, \$1,757,865.00 x \$38.00 (Taxes levied against personal property) ..	66,798.87
Real Estate, \$33,037,850.00 x \$38.00 (Taxes levied against real estate) .....	1,255,438.30
	<hr/> \$1,332,293.17
	<hr/> \$2,083,940.32

#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Apportionments added to Taxes:

Sewer .....	\$8,225.14
Sewer House Connections .....	4,282.75
Sidewalk .....	305.27
Street .....	7,419.27
	<hr/> 20,232.43

# Board of Health

David E. Mann, M. D., *Chairman*

Leslie B. Cutler

Kenneth Christophe, M. D., *Secretary*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	5	\$28,252.88	\$25,098.23
1946	5	28,599.26	25,923.78
1947	6	20,701.19	18,485.50
1948	4	23,497.19	23,296.26
1949	5	26,544.63	24,872.03

Because of the increased activities of the Health Department, due to the growth of the Town, services of the Sanitary Inspector were increased to two days each week. The Board announces the appointment of Mrs. Olive W. Page as Consulting Nutritionist and of Mr. Frank L. Cheney as Inspector of Cess-pools.

The Rabies Immunization Clinic for dogs was held as in previous years. Only 20% of the licensed dogs received vaccination. Anti-rabic vaccination of dogs is much below the desired level.

During the spring of 1949, Needham experienced an epidemic of measles and German measles with a total of 931 cases (measles, 651 — German measles, 280). It was an epidemic year for infantile paralysis with 9 cases reported. In contrast the incidence of other communicable diseases was unusually low.

The Board of Health, in cooperation with the State Department of Public Health, conducted its first course for food handlers, with a total attendance of 43. The Health Department's program of routine bacteriological examination of swab cultures from restaurant eating utensils and the frequent inspection of eating places assures Needham people of wholesome food prepared under sanitary conditions. In cooperation with the Norfolk County Hospital 285 food handlers were chest X-rayed.

The weekly Well Child Conference of the Visiting Nurse Association is attended by the Department's Public Health Nurse. The clinic is well attended by new mothers and is conducted by a pediatrician. The clinic is now giving a combination diphtheria and whooping cough vaccine.

Two important matters which will guide public health planning in the Town should be called to the attention of townspeople.

- (1) The Governor signed the Union Health bill in August which makes it mandatory for towns of 35,000 or less to become associated in a health union with other towns within a ten-year period (unless they meet the minimum standards set by the state Public Health Council).
- (2) The Needham Community Council in its survey of Needham will include a comprehensive survey of the Town's public health program.

In view of these far-reaching programs, the Board of Health anticipates an increase in the services of the Department with an attendant increase in expenditures. A per capita expenditure of \$1.50 for health, exclusive of garbage collection and mosquito control, is generally accepted by health authorities as the minimum cost for rendering the essential health services. At present, Needham spends approximately \$.75 per capita for health, exclusive of garbage collection and mosquito control.

*Board of Health*



# Law Department

Henry W. Hardy, *Town Counsel*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	0	\$2,500.00	\$2,075.00
1946	0	2,850.00	2,256.67
1947	0	2,900.00	2,506.94
1948	0	3,050.00	2,892.80
1949	0	3,461.06	3,241.55

In May the Supreme Judicial Court handed down its decision in the Highland Avenue widening case, which had been argued the previous fall. The Court sustained the position of the Town and of the intervening abutters, and the entire proceedings relating to the proposed widening were quashed.

The Town Counsel acted as a member of the committee charged with a revision of the provisions relating to appeals in the Building and Zoning By-Laws. The changes recommended by the committee were adopted by the 1949 Annual Town Meeting.

A parcel of land at the rear of the Dwight School was taken by eminent domain; two parcels of land were purchased by the Town and one parcel was taken by eminent domain as the site of the new William Mitchell School. Counsel worked with the School Building Committee and the Glover Memorial Hospital Building Committee on the legal phases of their work and represented the Town in its legal relations with Needham Housing Authority.

A proceeding was brought in the Essex Probate Court for a judicial determination as to which group qualified as the "oldest organization for the suppression of intemperance in the use of intoxicants" in the Town. The Court decreed that the Needham Women's Christian Temperance Union was thus qualified and therefore entitled to receive one-half the net income from the \$70,000.00 Tolman Trust Fund.

A citizen carrying on a garage business in a residence zone was prosecuted in the District Court and, as a result, the business was discontinued. Proposed bills dealing with the use of Harris Woods for general park purposes and with the introduction of precinct voting were prepared and, as approved by the Selectmen, were filed by the Senator and Representative from

Needham with the General Court. Claims were made on the bonds of two owners of sub-divisions for failure to fulfill their agreements with the Planning Board. A petition was filed with the Land Court to foreclose the Town's tax lien on a substantial tract of land. Considerable reimbursement was obtained from the estates of certain former old age assistance recipients for the Town.

During the year, the Town Counsel attended the meetings of the Selectmen and rendered legal opinions, written and verbal, to various officers, boards and committees. He prepared deeds, contracts and other legal documents required in the Town's business, and assisted in the preparation of articles for the Annual Town Meeting and one Special Town Meeting and the motions under these articles.

*Swimming Lessons at Rosemary Beach*

*Photo by L. T. Welsh*



# Recreation Committee

Helen B. Richwagen, *Chairman*

Alan H. McIntosh, *Vice-Chairman*

Beatrice A. Wood, *Secretary*

Edward M. Wainwright, *From School Committee*

Paul B. Richwagen, *From Memorial Park Trustees*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	30	\$7,300.00	\$6,338.20
1946	32	9,820.30	9,092.63
1947	48	15,135.69	14,887.63
1948	45	14,245.54	13,793.44
1949	26 Perm. 15 Temp.	14,701.93	14,647.63

The Greeks of old Sparta had as their motto, "A sound mind in a sound body." In obeying this concept to the fullest, they built up a nation of strong-bodied and quick-minded people of which the world has never since seen the like. The Needham Recreation Commission takes great pleasure in reporting similar progress in Needham. Recreation in the Town of Needham during the year 1949 has maintained its all-time high achievements of the previous two years, and the interest in activities has surpassed any other season. The activities which the Committee sponsors for year-round enjoyment contribute to a mind and body-building process in combination with wholesome pleasure and leisurely satisfaction such as the Greeks never knew.

Craft work which was inaugurated at the playgrounds during the summer, progressed to the weekly plastics and woodworking classes offered to Junior High School boys during the winter season. At the playgrounds, instruction was offered in a variety of crafts, including metal, leather and gimp work, plastic and button jewelry fashioning, pipe-cleaner craft, and basket weaving. The interest shown in these crafts indicates the future need for such activities. Summer supervision was provided at the six playgrounds with a varied program of games, crafts and sports. A total of 1,463 children were registered at the playgrounds for the season, which is better than half the number of school children in Needham. Since the activities of the playground are so much in demand, there arises a special need for more adult supervisors, with junior assistants. The popularity of the game of basketball was fostered by the erection of posts and baskets on all but one playground. It is suggested that before next season, basketball facilities be provided at Eliot School.

Once again, the annual Hallowe'en parties proved to be among the major accomplishments of the Committee. Parties were arranged in all of the schools, accommodating pre-school children as well as those from the kindergarten age to beyond high school. Assistance was gained from the P.T.A.'s and Mothers and Teachers Clubs, which organizations supervised the gay parties and dances in the various neighborhoods. At the Senior High School, the Needham Youth Canteen showed signs of excellent management as the members conducted their own party under the direction of the Recreation Committee. There are some 2,700 children registered in Needham schools, but there were 2,723 in attendance at these parties. Both Fire Chief Salamone and Police Chief Welch declared that the 1949 Hallowe'en season was the safest and most quiet of any year in the Town's history. That fact was attributed to the excellent and absorbing parties which diverted and entertained so well.

During the past summer, when so many of Greater Boston's swimming areas were closed to the public, Rosemary Beach continued in operation, serving the largest number of people in its history. A total registration of 24,174 was reached, which included the non-payment visitors from the Boston settlement houses, the capacity crowds at the Fourth of July celebration, and the use of the beach by Needham groups such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts. A return on the beach expenses was made to the Town to the amount of \$948.20. Improvements at the swimming area include the extended dock and the new catwalk, which contribute to better supervision by the life guards and Water Safety Instructor. Swimming and life saving instructions were given to more children and adults than ever before during a one-year period. Residents of the Town took advantage of the fine picnic area to enjoy weiner roasts, along with healthful swims in waters which the Board of Health found ideal for swimming.

The demand from many sections of the Town for more all-year supervision has encouraged numerous of the Committee's fall and winter activities. The Needham Choral Group and Orchestral Group are, especially, two of the Committee's activities which appeal not only to the child, but also to the adult. Recreation must have a distinct attraction for all ages in order to succeed favorably in the enriching of man's existence. The Recreation Committee is, therefore, more than pleased that it has fulfilled its function to the Town as a whole, rather than to a segment of its inhabitants.

# Needham Housing Authority

**John B. Moseley, Chairman**

**Guy S. Langstroth, Vice-Chairman**

**Harold Putnam, Secretary**

**Wilbar Whittemore, Treasurer**

**Robert W. S. Cox, Assistant Treasurer**

The most attractive veterans' housing development in Massachusetts will be ready for occupancy in the spring and early summer of 1950.

The housing shortage for 80 Needham veterans and their families will be over. Each family will have a single home, with two or three bedrooms, at least 10,000 square feet of land, and all modern conveniences, plus an oil-fired, hot-water radiant heating system.

Every effort has been made by the Needham Housing Authority to retain the natural beauty of the High Rock Street site. Contractors have been ordered to spare every possible large tree. Streets have been laid out in harmony with the rolling topography. A nine-acre park has been set aside to insulate the development of homes from the railroad tracks. Housing officials are confident the result will be an attractive addition to our Town of homes.

The total final cost is expected to be in the vicinity of \$872,000, about \$10,900 per home. This includes the costs of laying out roads and installing utilities, and is lower than the unit cost achieved by many other housing authorities with multiple dwellings.

Wes Construction Company, low-bidder on the site contract, began work early in September, 1949. Bennett-Stewart Co., Inc., low bidder on the contract for the houses, went to work in October, 1949. The official ground-breaking ceremony, attended by State and Town officials, was held September 15, 1949.

Two new streets were dedicated, Yurick Road and Murphy Road, in memory of World War II heroes, Chester W. and Sig-mund P. Yurick, and Leonard and Thomas J. Murphy, Jr. A third street has been named Memorial Circle, in honor of all Needham men who have given their lives in the service of their country, and a fourth, Summit Road, because it leads to the height of land on the site.

The Needham Housing Authority now has 181 active applications for these 80 homes. The tenant selection problem will not

be solved until the spring of 1950, but some priority is likely to be given to men and women who entered the service from Needham and those having children. Weekly income must be less than about \$65 per week. Rents are expected to range between \$32 and \$38 per month, depending upon the size of the house and possibly upon income.

The Authority has been working steadily to speed completion of the homes. It is hoped some dwellings will be ready for occupancy by April 1, 1950, and that all the work will be completed by mid-summer of 1950.

The Needham Housing Authority, with the dissolution of the Veterans' Emergency Housing Committee, has assumed supervision of the temporary housing project on Dedham Avenue. Steps are being taken to transfer ownership from the Federal Government to the Town of Needham.

During the past twelve months, all housing units have been painted and additional storm windows provided. Four tenants have moved, having purchased homes of their own.

The Authority now has an office over the police desk at 99 School Street and Mrs. Barbara Scotten is employed as the full-time office secretary. Townspeople desiring further information or wishing to file applications for either temporary or permanent housing developments are invited to visit the office.



# Planning Board

Clayton L. Holden, *Chairman*

James E. Cruickshank, *Secretary*  
Eva H. Churchill

H. Kent Crabtree  
Lawrence D. Walker

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	0	\$350.00	\$334.96
1946	0	562.00	417.17
1947	0	410.00	408.92
1948	0	666.00	650.58
1949	0	1,875.00	1,163.10

The Board looks back to a very active and busy 1949. From January 1 to December 31, the Board held 47 regular meetings, 2 special meetings, 89 appointments, 20 public hearings; 9 subdivisions were presented for consideration of which 7 were approved and 1 disapproved; 12 street profiles were approved; 5 press releases were given to the local papers.

The new Board of Appeals created by the March Town Meeting has functioned since early June and the Planning Board has been represented through the year at 22 hearings to recommend or to hear evidence on all petitions for variance of Zoning or Building By-Laws.

As instructed by the 1949 Town Meeting, this Board has investigated the problem of rubbish disposal and incineration and a complete report with recommendations is in preparation. Study by this Board convinces us that the cost of incineration cannot be undertaken at present, in view of the immediate heavy requirements on the Town for school and sewer construction.

As this report is written, construction is under way on the new elementary school at the Brookline Street site. This will provide the first step in securing additional school facilities for our rapidly growing Town. This Board, through its representative on the "Special Committee for Future School Building Needs" is following with interest their study of the overall picture of future school construction. It approves the purposes and aims of this Special Committee to survey and determine the school population, the immediate building need and to study our future school needs.

Our study of Parks and Park Land in the Town is continuing. The Town now has a total of 200.47 acres designated as Park Land. Much of this land, aside from High Rock Woods and the Town Forest, is tax title land in small lots of little value for



*Fuller Brook Road  
a new  
Sub-Division Developed  
under  
Planning Board  
Supervision*

recreational purposes. Out of 22 such plots, 11 are of less than 1 acre and measure, on an average, areas of roughly 6,500 square feet.

This Board has compiled a revision of the Zoning By-Law and the new pamphlet with Zoning Map included is now ready for distribution.

During the summer months, an analysis of Town finances was made and the figures are available for the ten years 1939 through 1948. All Town Officers, Boards and Committees have received a copy. A schedule of estimates of Capital Expenditures for the next five years is being prepared for later distribution.

The Board has spent considerable time in a continued study of our traffic and parking problems. Joint meetings with Town and State authorities have been held to consider the removal of Route 135 traffic from the business districts. More details and plans for possible solutions will be presented at or before the 1950 Town Meeting.

This Board will recommend the installation of parking meters in Needham Square, and one or more off-street parking areas, at the next Annual Town Meeting.

The street signs recommended by this Board and approved by the March 1949 Town Meeting have been shipped by the manufacturer and will be erected by the Public Works Department shortly.

The Planning Board has held several hearings on requests for changes of street names where a conflict exists or where confusion is caused by similar sounding names. Several additional changes will be made if subsequent public hearings disclose a need for such action.

# Public Welfare

William A. Mann, *Chairman*

Meyer J. Gordon

Earl Alban

Mrs. Catherine L. Larson

Livingston H. Lomas

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	3	\$65,210.33	\$54,242.87
	U. S. Grant	24,812.56	24,812.56
1946	3	66,089.02	59,379.83
	U. S. Grant	25,799.75	25,799.75
1947	4	70,781.09	61,562.83
	U. S. Grant	34,062.50	34,062.50
1948	4	85,754.88	76,961.50
	U. S. Grant	37,279.32	37,279.32
1949		93,376.01	73,786.06
	U. S. Grant	44,311.11	44,311.11

Dependent Aid totaled 34 cases, 56 persons of which there were eight employables and 48 unemployables. Relief under the laws relating to Aid to Dependent Children totaled 12 cases, 36 persons; Old Age Assistance totaled 137 persons. Assisted in all categories of relief 183 cases — 229 persons.

During 1949 we have lost by death or transfer 28 persons. We received and investigated 52 new applications, of which seven were rejected or withdrawn as ineligible.

The total U. S. Grants — \$43,168.61 has been received by the Town Treasurer and held for use by *this Department only* for assistance and administration of the two categories — Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children. Administration includes — Salaries, Expenses, Office Furnishings and Equipment.

The 1949 Budget as voted by the Town Meeting was:

Dependent Aid (General Relief) . . . . .	\$14,500.00
Old Age Assistance . . . . .	55,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children . . . . .	16,000.00
Salaries . . . . .	6,841.01
Expenses . . . . .	1,035.00
 Total . . . . .	 \$93,376.01

Expenses authorized in 1949 by the Board were:

	Expended	Federal Grant	Net	State and other Reimbursement	Final Net
D A . . . . .	\$14,012.33	.....	\$14,012.33	\$5,075.29	\$8,937.04
A D C . . . . .	13,730.93	\$4,129.50	9,601.43	5,149.72	4,451.71
O A A . . . . .	79,376.90	34,843.04	44,533.86	34,303.29	10,230.57
Expenses . . . . .	1,458.15	686.50	771.65	.....	771.65
Salaries . . . . .	9,502.57	3,509.57	5,993.00	.....	5,993.00

In addition to Federal Grants, this Department is also reimbursed in all three categories by the State, by other cities and towns, by individuals and recoveries as follows:

Received from State .....	\$38,820.50
Other cities and towns .....	5,013.92
Individuals and Recoveries .....	693.88
Total .....	\$44,528.30

It is interesting to note that in addition to payments on individual budgets, we have also paid for services to clients, amounts as follows:

Physicians of clients' choice .....	\$3,750.23
Medicines and Prescriptions .....	1,638.20
Nursing Home Costs .....	11,208.25
Hospitals .....	5,716.00
X-rays, clinics for special treatments .....	478.80
Optical and Dental Care .....	1,030.25
Visiting Nurse .....	421.00
Total .....	\$24,242.73

The Town has been reimbursed for Assistance and Administration from all sources a total amount of \$87,696.91

Plus unexpended balances .....	18,463.74
Total .....	\$106,160.65
Against our total expenditures .....	\$118,080.88

Net cost to the Town for this department .....

\$11,920.23

Due to legislative action, effective November, 1949 — \$4.00 per month above their individual budget was allotted each recipient of Old Age Assistance for leisure time activities, which required an increase in our appropriation for 1950 of \$5,400.00 for this category.

The administration of Public Welfare depends for its best success upon adequate public understanding and acceptance of its program.

To that end, we will cooperate gladly with all religious, fraternal or civic groups for discussion of any phase of the Needham Public Welfare Department.

# Highlights of Committees

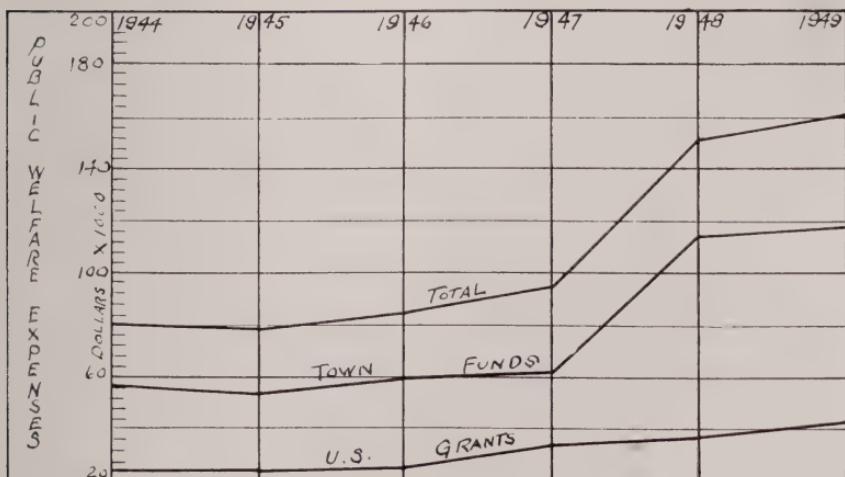
## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee reports some progress in efforts to improve Needham's transportation facilities. Early in the year a joint meeting with the Selectmen and officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was held and the matter of better coaches and increased use of diesel engines was discussed. The railroad officials considered carefully all the suggestions made, and as a result, certain trains obtained better coaches and more diesel engines are being used.

During the fall, the Transportation Committee participated in several public hearings with the Selectmen in connection with petitions for a new bus route from Needham Square to Cleveland Circle via Central Avenue. The Board of Selectmen finally approved the petition of the Middlesex and Boston Street Railway Company to operate buses between Needham Square and Cleveland Circle, via Great Plain and Central avenues, with certain restrictions necessary because of existing franchises. The Middlesex & Boston Company agreed to establish a trial period of ninety days to ascertain how heavy the patronage might be.

At the expiration of the ninety-day period the Transportation Committee and representatives of the bus company met and it

*Public Welfare Expenses*



was evident that, due to light patronage, the trial schedule as first set up could not be maintained. A revised schedule was accordingly submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval. This reduced schedule was placed in operation and, in addition, there was restored to service one bus to Cleveland Circle via Highland Avenue in the morning and a return trip in the late afternoon.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES ON SCHOOLS

The Annual Town Meeting in March, 1949, demonstrated its sympathetic understanding of the pressing need for rapid enlargement of elementary school accommodations. Acting upon a series of recommendations from its previously created Special Committee, and by six consecutive votes, it provided for the erection as quickly as possible of one new building, and the carrying on of further studies, and submission to a future session of proposals for still other necessary new buildings.

### William Mitchell School

Eighteen thousand dollars was appropriated for the acquisition of land and \$455,000.00 more for construction and equipment with a Special Committee, in charge.

An attractive, suitable parcel of some 16 acres of vacant land, lying midway between Brookline Street and Lindbergh Avenue, about one-half mile east of the Senior High School, high land, of easy access, has been acquired; general and sub-contractors awards have been made, bond posted, and work begun on a fireproof building to accommodate a minimum of 210 and a maximum of about 275 pupils, which under the contract is to be ready for use before September 1950.

The site, the design and the construction of the building will permit future enlargements. Mr. William G. Upham, of Norwood, is the designing and supervising architect. Vara Construction, Inc., of Boston, are the general contractors, and in this connection it is interesting to note that the executive head of the contracting company is Mr. Romeo S. Vara, of Needham. His concern was the low bidder.

Upon its completion this new school, to which the appropriate name William Mitchell School has been given, will serve a large and fast growing portion of the Town and will greatly relieve existing pressure upon the Stephen Palmer, William Carter, Avery, and Harris Schools.

The Committee under which this school development has been worked out combines representatives of the Moderator, the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Planning Board, School Committee, as well as of the Taxpayers' Association and the Public School Association. It consists of Mrs. Petra M. Morrow, Julius F. Haller, Emery S. Doane, Frank L. Flood, Pierce B. Bennett, Lawrence D. Walker, Henry D. Hersey, Dr. Derwood A. Newman (Secretary) and William P. Bailey (Chairman).

By official report filed with Town Clerk, and press notices, the townspeople have been informed of structural details of this new building and of the portion of the land set apart for it. The Committee will submit to the 1950 Town Meeting a complete report.

### **Future School Needs**

To meet such needs the 1949 Town Meeting made other provisions by setting up another similarly constituted Special Committee, charged with the duty of continuing studies and outlining remedial actions in reports to future Town Meetings, and not later than the 1950 Annual Meeting.

This Committee promptly organized; it has held consultations, determined facts, and partly mapped a course of action and a set of recommendations.

As this report goes to press, it is understood that the Committee's report to the March Town Meeting will include recommendations for (1) immediate enlargement of the Dwight School, sufficient to increase its seating capacity by a minimum of 90 and a maximum of 105 pupils, so that the school may hereafter accommodate all usual seven classes of an elementary unit; (2) the acquisition of some eight acres of land suitably located for another new school building to serve the fast growing residential area bounded roughly by High Rock Street, Chestnut Street, Railroad right-of-way, Oak Street and Marked Tree Road, and the erection thereon for use by September 1951 of a complete elementary school unit to accommodate the usual 210 minimum and 275 maximum pupils; (3) the acquisition of another parcel of about eight acres of land, located on or near Broad Meadow Road, as a suitable site for still another elementary school building, to be erected before September 1952.

It is the belief of the Committee that by carrying out such proposals the Town can maintain its elementary school facilities slightly ahead of demands for several years to come, especially

the unusual demands created by the establishment of the group of about 80 new houses by the Veterans Housing Authority.

However, the Committee clearly foresees further urgent and continuing needs for other elementary school buildings, and especially for additional Junior High School accommodations, as the Town continues to grow. Such additional needs very well may be demonstrated within five years.

The Committee consists of the following citizens: Raymond D. Balcom, James K. Sanborn, H. Kent Crabtree, Julius F. Haller, Henry D. Hersey, Frederick L. Glover, Emery S. Doane, Mrs. Ruth N. Fletcher (Secretary) and William P. Bailey (Chairman). Mr. Chandler W. Jones, Dr. Derwood A. Newman and Mr. Ralph J. Sayward formerly rendered valuable assistance as members of the Committee.

## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

**Harold A. Smith, Chairman**

**Frank L. Cheney, Secretary**

**Melville W. Grant, Town Accountant**

The legislature, by the passage of Chapter 318, in 1936, revised the laws relative to city, town and county retirement systems. The Town of Needham voted on November 3, 1936 to accept this act, which became effective July 1, 1937.

The largest increase of members to the system was made this year due to new employees at the Glover Memorial Hospital.

At the present time the contributions from the Town and the employees, which according to law are invested only in stocks and bonds legal for savings banks, amount to approximately \$245,713.94. Income on this investment will be approximately 3% for 1949. The Town's yearly contribution as estimated by the State to complete its liability for 1950 will be \$23,362.

During 1949 the legislature made two changes in the retirement law which were: a change in the reduction factor (Chapter 657), and a change in the superannuation factor (Chapter 671). These factors are used in computing the retirement pay for pensioners.

# Treasurer and Tax Collector

Arnold Mackintosh, *Treasurer and Tax Collector*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1945	2	\$8,843.33	\$8,398.53
1946	2	9,254.00	9,091.36
1947	2	9,801.30	9,646.71
1948	2	10,568.80	10,530.29
1949	2	11,009.90	10,966.87

On December 31, 1949, the bonded debt of the Town of Needham reached a new high figure of \$1,480,000. This amount includes \$150,000 for additional sewer construction and \$445,000 for the Dr. William Mitchell School on Brookline Street, both of these bond issues being in accordance with votes at the 1949 annual Town Meeting.

The total is divided as follows:

Sewer Construction .....	\$526,000
Schools .....	463,000
Hospital .....	450,000
Streets .....	35,000
Veterans Housing.....	6,000
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	\$1,480,000

Sewer construction throughout the Town has been progressing rapidly for several years and at the present time, the Public Works Department has petitions on hand for additional work amounting to approximately \$350,000. As no such figure as this can be taken from the current tax levy in any year, the issuance of further bonds will be required.

Appropriation must be made in 1950 for payments of bonds of \$131,500 and interest of \$24,318.

Our present debt limit as fixed by law is \$1,769,290 and when our borrowing reaches that figure, any further loans must be approved by special Acts of Legislature.

The 1949 tax levy was \$1,342,470 including real estate, personal property and betterments, and on December 31, 1949, 97.26% of this amount had been paid. No taxes prior to 1949 remain unpaid.

# Town Accountant

Melville W. Grant, *Town Accountant*

	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
1945	2	\$6,274.20	\$6,250.51
1946	2	6,774.02	6,759.59
1947	2	7,540.00	7,538.04
1948	2	8,346.70	8,326.67
1949	2	11,745.25	11,745.25

The Town Accountant is charged with the duty of keeping the financial books of the Town, in which are recorded the Receipts and Disbursements resulting from the financial transactions of the Town. The books at all times are available for inspection and reveal at any time the exact condition of the Town's finances. Needham was the first municipality to do 100% of its accounting by machine, the greatest possible accuracy being obtained by the use of a budgetary accounting machine.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, the following reports are submitted. All reports are arranged in accordance with the classifications prescribed by the Director of Accounts.

A detailed report of the expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1949, is on file with the Board of Selectmen.

## DEBT STATEMENT

### Also Amounts Due from Principals and Interest During Year 1950

	<b>Outstanding Dec. 31, 1948</b>	<b>Paid in 1949</b>	<b>Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949</b>	<b>Principal Due in 1950</b>	<b>Interest Due in 1950</b>
Elementary School .....	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$63.75
Elemen. School Wm. Mitchell	.		445,000.00	25,000.00	7,787.50
New High School — 1929 . .	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	300.00
Hospital Addition — 1947 . .	475,000.00	25,000.00	450,000.00	25,000.00	6,750.00
Sewer Construction — 1924 .	35,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	1,100.00
Sewer Construction — 1941 .	7,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	46.88
Sewer Construction — 1946 .	9,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	60.00
Sewer Construction — 1947 .	175,000.00	20,000.00	155,000.00	20,000.00	1,937.50
Sewer Construction — 1948 .	200,000.00	20,000.00	180,000.00	20,000.00	3,150.00
Sewer Construction — 1949 .			150,000.00	5,000.00	2,625.00
Street Construction — 1946 . .	40,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	437.50
Veterans' Housing — 1946 . .	9,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	¶ 60.00
	<b>\$986,500.00</b>	<b>\$101,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,480,000.00</b>	<b>\$131,500.00</b>	<b>\$24,318.13</b>

# Where the Money Came From

	1949	1948
CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 1 .....	\$261,046.57	\$865,843.50
<b>GENERAL REVENUE:</b>		
Needham Taxes:		
Poll .....	9,380.00	9,186.00
Personal .....	63,342.88	56,601.65
Real .....	1,244,193.23	1,090,289.76
Total Taxes .....	<u>\$1,316,916.11</u>	<u>\$1,156,077.41</u>
From State:		
Corporation Taxes .....	\$122,418.80	\$87,166.78
Income Taxes .....	169,919.70	114,464.23
Total from State .....	<u>\$292,338.50</u>	<u>\$201,631.01</u>
<b>Special Assessments:</b>		
Added to Tax Bills:		
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$107,696.61	\$73,380.76
Sewer .....	6,285.07	4,189.87
Sewer House Connections .....	3,277.92	2,423.41
Sidewalks .....	220.96	146.84
Street .....	6,389.22	6,084.74
Court Fines — District Court, North Norfolk .....	222.40	140.00
Permits and Licenses .....	798.00	724.25
Taxes on Land for Water Purposes, State, Brookline, Newton, Wellesley .....	1,855.35	1,708.88
Paid in Advance — Sewer, Sewer House Connections, Sidewalk and Streets .....	43,685.26	55,428.26
Grants and Gifts:		
County — Dog Tax, Highway Funds and Roads Chapter 90 .....	2,970.73	3,404.28
Federal Government — Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Hospital Construction, and Needham Housing Authority .....	254,005.93	132,040.69
State — Adult Civic Education, George Dean Fund, Highway Fund Roads, Chapter 90 and Meal Tax .....	2,933.28	2,975.10
J. Walter Schirmer Fund .....		500.00
John B. Tolman .....		70,000.00
<b>DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS:</b>		
Board of Appeals, Hearing costs .....	160.08	196.40
Dog Officer, Sale of Unclaimed Dogs .....	7.50	15.00
Fire, Sale of Needham Heights Station .....	7,000.00	.....
Glover Memorial Hospital, Receipts for Services, X-rays, etc.	110,924.62	79,626.33
Health, Communicable Diseases, and Cesspool Fees .....	1,736.14	1,535.46
Inspections — Building, Gas, Plumbing, Wiring Fees, and Sale of Town By-Laws .....	7,828.75	6,970.00
Library — Fines, Lost Books, Sale of Waste Paper .....	1,402.58	1,408.22
Needham Housing Authority, Furniture Allowance, Ground Rental, Payments in Lieu of Taxes .....	2,440.80	10,083.00
Police — Ambulance Services, Bicycle Fees, Revolver Per- mits .....	665.25	955.50

**DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS — Continued**

	1949	1948
Public Works — Rental of Real Estate, Use of Equipment, Sale of Maps, etc. ....	\$1,025.74	\$1,033.35
Recreation — Rosemary Beach Playground Receipts ....	1,117.74	1,174.37
Memorial Park — Rental of Bleacher Seats ....		51.34
School:		
Reimbursement, Cafeteria ....	5,165.08	3,958.51
Rental of School Auditoriums ....	105.00	90.00
Tuition from Individuals and State ....	2,306.73	2,256.94
Telephone, Breakage Chemistry Laboratory, Lost Books, etc. ....	191.73	258.93
Sealer of Weights and Measures — Fees ....	317.30	146.21
Town Clerk — Permits — Certificates, Licenses and Fees ..	5,353.44	4,847.85
Town Hall and Grounds — Rental of Town Hall and Mis- cellaneous Receipts ....	706.45	1,030.61
Treasurer and Tax Collector — Tax Titles, Sale of Land and Tax Certificates ....	1,262.05	1,630.63
Veterans' Services — Reimbursement from State ....	13,928.95	7,226.41
Water — Rates, Repairs, New Services, Connections and Liens ....	118,809.62	102,408.35
Welfare:		
Receipts from State ....	38,820.50	38,030.37
Receipts from Cities and Towns ....	5,013.92	3,261.39
Receipts from Individuals ....	3,376.62	3,677.75
<b>MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:</b>		
School Construction Loan — Premium and Interest ....	455,587.67	.....
Sewer Construction Loan — Premium and Interest ....	153,568.39	201,417.72
<b>BONDS MATURED:</b>		
U. S. Treasury Bill (Hospital — New Addition) ....	301,076.62	997,545.21
<b>TEMPORARY TAX LOANS:</b> .....	400,000.00	.....
<b>INTEREST:</b>		
Betterments, Sewer, Sewer House Connections, Sidewalk and Street ....	4,824.16	3,255.42
Motor Vehicle Excise ....	33.14	33.15
Poll, Personal and Real ....	982.82	905.39
Hospital — New Addition ....	630.00	2,454.79
Tax Title ....	8.34	31.36
War Salvage Fund ....	180.00	83.40
Total Interest .....	<u>\$6,658.46</u>	<u>\$6,763.51</u>
<b>COSTS — Poll, Personal and Real, Motor Vehicle Excise ...</b>	435.85	503.45
<b>INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS.....</b>	2,936.32	2,266.23
<b>REFUNDS .....</b>	599.88	1,391.11
<b>TAILINGS — Lost Checks .....</b>		40.00
<b>WITHHOLDING TAXES — Withheld from Employees ....</b>	85,069.99	85,152.15
Total .....	<u>\$4,036,241.68</u>	<u>\$4,143,681.30</u>

# Where the Money Went

	1949	1948
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>		
Selectmen — Salaries, Expenses and Town Meetings .....	\$2,197.30	\$3,259.89
Finance Committee — Salary and Expenses .....	1,149.95	971.20
Planning Board — Salaries, Expenses and Signs .....	1,163.10	650.58
Accounting — Salaries, Expenses and Equipment .....	11,745.25	8,326.67
Treasurer and Tax Collector — Salaries, Expenses, Bonds, and Tax Title Expenses .....	10,966.87	10,530.29
Town Clerk — Salaries, Expenses and Fees .....	6,462.77	6,128.30
Election and Registration — Salaries, Expenses and Tellers	6,130.69	7,524.00
Assessors — Salaries, Expenses, Card System and Equip- ment .....	12,031.21	13,015.46
Legal — Salaries, Expenses and Damages .....	3,241.55	2,892.80
Town Hall and Grounds — Salaries and Expenses .....	10,633.56	12,213.67
Building Board of Appeals — Salaries and Expenses .....	324.72	143.71
Zoning Board of Appeals — Salaries and Expenses .....	57.27	205.65
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>		
Police Department — Salaries .....	73,715.54	71,656.24
Expenses .....	11,566.24	10,440.67
New Equipment .....	5,156.71	1,000.00
 Total Police Department .....	 890,438.49	 \$83,096.91
Fire Department — Salaries .....	\$90,253.41	\$82,387.67
Expenses .....	12,946.24	11,000.27
New Equipment .....	3,090.00	3,300.00
 Total Fire Department .....	 \$106,289.65	 \$96,687.94
New Fire Station — Needham Heights — Construction ..	\$21,708.10	\$67,785.85
New Fire Station — Needham Heights — Equipment ...	3,463.79	5,849.28
 Total New Fire Station .....	 \$25,171.89	 \$73,635.13
Fire Alarm — Salaries, Expenses and New Equipment...	\$12,417.83	\$7,633.58
Forest Warden — Salaries, Expenses and Forest Patrol ..	386.60	350.29
Inspection — Salaries, Expenses and Transportation ...	9,424.30	8,641.03
Animal Inspector — Salary and Transportation.....	562.50	562.50
Dog Officer — Salary.....	875.00	875.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures — Salaries, Expenses and Transportation .....	1,305.50	1,332.40
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION:</b>		
Health Salaries, Expense and Equipment .....	8,202.46	7,250.66
Hospitalization .....	5,689.30	3,615.60
Garbage Removal .....	8,500.00	7,400.00
Mosquito Control .....	2,480.27	5,030.00
 Total Health and Sanitation .....	 \$24,872.03	 \$23,296.26
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>		
Salaries, Wages and Maintenance Expenses .....	\$213,684.85	\$209,375.15
Equipment — Additional .....	210.00	1,661.30
Equipment — Replacements .....	1,562.37	3,950.00
Highway Alterations and Road Maintenance (Chapter 90)	7,628.94	4,100.00
Improvements, Cricket Field .....	1,328.28	.....
Rosemary Beach and Lake Maintenance .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sidewalk Construction .....	632.01	3,733.20
Snow Removal .....	19,999.16	48,424.64
Streets Construction .....	10,031.57	5,718.77
Street Lighting .....	27,141.46	26,656.18
Traffic Light Installation .....	2,385.58	.....
Travel Out of State .....	300.00	296.33
Water Construction — Mains and Services .....	81,601.91	78,533.22
Water Construction — New Well .....	5,743.45	3,707.92
Storm Water Drains .....	8,099.37	26,846.13

<b>PUBLIC WORKS — Continued</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>1948</b>
Drain Construction .....	\$30,377.63	.....
Sewer Construction .....	108,934.91	\$256,292.19
Sewer House Connections .....	22,901.75	24,450.00
Total Public Works .....	\$544,563.24	\$695,745.03
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE:</b>		
Dependent Aid — Salaries and Expenses .....	\$1,567.93	\$1,158.80
Dependent Aid — Assistance .....	14,012.33	10,370.66
Old Age Assistance — Assistance .....	79,393.19	79,282.38
Old Age Assistance — Salaries and Expenses .....	7,246.09	6,428.02
Aid — Dependent Children — Assistance .....	13,730.93	15,083.42
Aid — Dependent Children — Salaries and Expenses .....	2,146.70	2,007.54
Travel — Out of State .....	.....	10.00
Total Public Welfare .....	\$118,097.17	\$114,340.82
<b>VETERANS SERVICES:</b>		
Salaries, Expenses and Transportation .....	\$5,508.95	\$4,767.99
Benefits .....	21,085.26	18,359.47
War Allowances .....	583.56	.....
Total Veterans Services .....	\$27,177.77	\$23,127.46
<b>SCHOOL:</b>		
Salaries .....	\$435,185.76	\$417,833.22
Auxiliary Agencies .....	6,838.52	6,994.08
Cafeteria Equipment .....	57.70	1,240.11
Expenses of Instruction .....	20,928.37	20,111.16
General Control .....	2,136.03	2,054.01
Maintenance .....	20,986.20	20,992.82
Operating Expenses .....	27,929.33	25,189.70
Outlay .....	12,993.05	8,999.84
Rehabilitation — Emery Grover .....	240.40	.....
Travel — Out of State .....	193.89	131.53
Transportation .....	15,460.72	12,102.75
Vocational Tuition .....	2,496.30	2,203.50
Instruction Adult Aliens .....	.....	169.00
Painting Elliot School .....	.....	2,475.94
Total School .....	\$545,446.27	\$520,497.66
<b>School Construction:</b>		
Architect's Plans and Construction Costs .....	20,931.89	4,068.75
<b>LIBRARY:</b>		
Salaries .....	18,284.86	16,659.70
Bindings, Expenses and Supplies .....	2,126.70	1,099.11
Books and Periodicals .....	4,844.78	4,571.60
Building Maintenance .....	2,568.63	5,449.21
Children's Room .....	11.30	203.08
William H. Wye Fund .....	.....	32.15
John B. Tolman Fund .....	421.00	.....
Total Library .....	\$28,257.27	\$28,014.85
<b>GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:</b>		
Salaries .....	\$88,006.37	\$57,447.13
Building Maintenance and Expenses .....	9,210.43	4,388.68
Expense .....	5,782.12	1,945.74
Equipment and Supplies .....	44,641.09	30,239.63
Special Expense .....	1,350.00	.....
X-Ray Account .....	7,185.55	9,024.45
Total Hospital .....	\$156,175.56	\$103,045.63
<b>HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION:</b>		
New Addition .....	\$435,668.31	\$368,609.61
Remodeling and Reconstruction .....	391.70	347.88
Total Hospital Construction .....	\$436,060.01	\$368,957.49

<b>RECREATION:</b>		1949	1948
Memorial Park — Salaries, Expenses and Equipment....	\$6,324.31	\$8,241.13	
Grand Stands .....		6,500.00	
Salaries.....	11,000.00	10,359.82	
Building Maintenance .....	1,026.30	906.48	
Equipment and Supplies .....	1,619.04	1,649.96	
Maintenance of Equipment, Service, and Special Expenses	1,002.29	877.18	
 Total Recreation .....	 \$20,971.94	 \$28,534.57	
 <b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Annuities — Gaughan, Haddock and McLeod .....	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	
Care of Soldiers Graves.....	750.00	1,000.00	
Consolidation Town By-Laws .....		36.50	
Contributory Retirement Contribution .....	22,508.00	20,265.00	
Contributory Retirement Expenses .....	500.00	655.00	
Insurance:			
Auto .....	2,154.57	2,262.62	
Compensation .....	9,676.69	7,507.45	
Engine Breakdown.....	1,068.79	455.86	
Fire .....	9,743.75	5,171.79	
Liability Compensation.....	270.06	926.10	
Liability Public .....	208.00	57.20	
Other Insurance .....	14.62	78.85	
Memorial Day Expenses .....	607.21	442.84	
Needham Housing Authority — Salaries and Expenses .....		3,000.00	
Needham Housing Authority — Storm Drains .....	8,477.63		
Needham Housing Authority — Water Mains .....	8,837.13		
Land Taking — Babson Park .....	408.31		
Purchase of Land:			
Adjacent to Memorial Park .....		975.00	
Marian A. Reid .....	16,000.00		
Stanley Development Co. ....	1,200.00		
River Park .....	62.50		
Taxes, on Marian A. Reid Property .....	215.35		
Sewer Assessment — Town Owned Land.....	484.87	4,548.26	
Town Forest Committee .....	412.77	978.30	
Town Report .....	2,730.75	3,292.10	
Unclassified Miscellaneous Expenses .....	186.94	347.60	
Unpaid Bills, Prior Year .....	18.99	821.38	
Reimbursement, Patrick Tocci .....	350.00		
 <b>MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:</b>			
Maturing Debt .....	\$101,500.00	\$56,000.00	
Interest on Maturing Debt .....	15,961.87	11,501.25	
Repayment of Temporary Loan .....	400,000.00		
Interest on Temporary Loan .....	1,413.83		
 <b>OTHER EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Norfolk County Hospital .....	17,009.39	13,341.08	
Norfolk County Tax .....	44,035.70	36,081.18	
State Tax and Assessments .....	38,323.22	30,911.33	
Refunds .....	11,387.75	15,243.21	
Withholding Tax .....	85,060.33	85,152.15	
Hospital Construction — Purchase U. S. Treas. Bills .....		1,246,915.21	
John B. Tolman Fund.....		70,000.00	
 <b>NEEDHAM'S VETERANS' EMERGENCY HOUSING:</b>			
Rent Account .....		10,375.51	
Reserve, Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements .....		956.44	
Security Deposits .....		280.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses .....		1,000.00	
 Total Expenditures .....	 \$3,041,158.17	 \$3,882,634.73	
Cash on Hand, December 31 .....	995,083.51	261,046.57	
 Total .....	 \$4,036,241.68	 \$4,143,681.30	

BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1949

General Accounts

Assets	\$995,083.51	Liabilities and Reserves	\$400.00
CASH .....		RESERVE FOR PETTY CASH .....	
In Bank and Offices:			
General Petty Cash: .....		TRUST FUND INCOME: .....	
Petty Cash: .....		Barr, Library Fund .....	\$12.50
Health .....	\$10.00	Dwight School Fund .....	216.92
Hospital .....	100.00	T. Ois Fuller, Hospital Fund .....	305.58
Library .....	20.00	Greenwood, Library Fund .....	384.64
School .....	50.00	Lyon, Hospital Fund .....	673.43
Tax Collector .....	100.00	Mary E. Moseley Hospital Fund .....	779.22
Town Clerk .....	10.00	John B. Tolman, Library Fund .....	950.69
Treasurer .....	50.00	William H. Wye, Library Fund .....	37.72
Welfare .....	10.00		
Veterans' Services .....	50.00		
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	100.00	DOG LICENSES DUE COUNTY .....	67.80
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		INCOME ACCOUNT:	
Taxes 1949 .....	\$1,977.00	War Salvage Fund .....	263.40
Personal .....	33,975.52	LOANS AUTHORIZED, PREMIUM AC-.	
Real .....	-----	OUNTS: .....	
	35,952.52	Construction William Mitchell School .....	\$9,172.50
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:		Sewer Construction 1949 .....	3,095.00
Taxes 1949 .....	6,114.04		
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		RESERVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE .....	50.00
Sidewalk:		TAILINGS, UNCLAIMED CHECKS .....	81.73
Added to Tax Bills 1949 .....	\$233.08	WATER DEPOSITS, CONNECTION	
Unapportioned .....	133.71	FEES .....	1,831.45
	-----	WELFARE, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE,	
136.79		RECOVERY .....	3,315.62
Street:		OVERLAY SURPLUS, RESERVE FUND	
Added to Tax Bills 1949 .....	\$238.78	OVERLAY, RESERVE FOR ABATE-	
Unapportioned .....	9,081.23	MENTS, Overlay 1949 .....	8,620.16
	-----	SEWER ASSESSMENT RECEIPTS RE-	
	9,320.01	SEWER: .....	1,931.79
Sewer:		Sewer Construction Reserve Fund .....	
Added to Tax Bills 1949 .....	\$321.57	SURPLUS REVENUE: .....	
Unapportioned .....	37,165.21	Excess and Deficiency .....	
	-----	REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL-	
	37,486.78	LECTED: .....	
Sewer House Connections:		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	6,414.04
Added to Tax Bills 1949 .....	\$45.16	Committed Interest .....	85.80
Unapportioned .....	12,267.77	Sewer Committed Interest .....	37,486.78
	-----	Sewer House Connections .....	94.43
Committed Interest: .....		Sidewalks .....	12,252.93
Added to Tax Bills 1949 .....	-----	Streets .....	9,320.01
Sewer Committed Interest: .....			
Added to Tax Bills 1949 .....	-----		
	916.43		

**TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:**

Tax Titles .....	\$1,473.75
Tax Possessions .....	1,362.57
<b>STATE AND COUNTY AID TO HIGHWAYS:</b>	<b>3,336.32</b>

**DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:**

Health Services .....	\$2,083.78
Hospital, Services .....	15,220.00
Hospital, X-Ray .....	4,835.50
Police .....	191.00
Public Works .....	268.17
School .....	1,415.89
Town Hall .....	63.00
Veterans' Benefits .....	2,809.39
Veterans' War Allowances .....	200.00
Welfare, Dependent Aid .....	191.66
Welfare, Old Age Assistance .....	37.80
<b>WATER:</b>	<b>27,366.19</b>
Water Rates .....	\$13,516.40
Water Repairs .....	258.96
Water New Services .....	525.52
Water Connection Fees .....	330.16
Water Miscellaneous .....	13.20
<b>STATE AND COUNTY AID TO HIGHWAYS:</b>	<b>14,644.24</b>
State .....	\$1,000.00
County .....	1,000.00
<b>STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:</b>	<b>2,050.81</b>
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Underestimate 1949 .....	1,446.17
<b>NORFOLK COUNTY TAX:</b>	<b>4,967.51</b>
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**BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1949 — Continued**  
**Special Accounts**

**Investment Fund Accounts, Deferred Revenue, Trust Funds and Debt Accounts**

**INVESTMENT FUND ACCOUNTS:**

**Investment Fund Accounts:**

Post War Rehabilitation Fund:				
Gain on Bonds .....	\$3,993.55			
Accrued Interest Balance .....	42.86			
				\$4,036.41
War Salvage Funds:				
Middleborough Cooperative Bank .....	\$2,000.00			
Needham Cooperative Bank .....	3,491.20			
Wellesley Cooperative Bank .....	1,993.60			
Accrued Interest .....	263.40			
				7,748.20
Total Cash and Securities .....				<u><u>\$11,784.61</u></u>

**DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS:**

**Apportioned Assessments Not Due:**

	<i>Sidewalk</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Sewer</i>	<i>Sever House Connections</i>
Due in 1950 .....	\$220.41	\$5,028.11	\$5,128.53	\$2,782.95
Due in 1951 .....	220.41	4,332.32	4,841.86	2,674.63
Due in 1952 .....	177.47	3,832.71	4,421.67	2,601.37
Due in 1953 .....	171.33	3,050.42	4,404.51	2,488.67
Due in 1954 .....	153.63	2,725.22	4,222.47	2,339.38
Due in 1955 .....	148.30	2,725.22	4,142.33	2,137.55
Due in 1956 .....	142.85	2,725.22	4,119.49	2,015.41
Due in 1957 .....	142.85	2,725.22	4,104.54	1,686.95
Due in 1958 .....	100.36	.....	2,125.28	777.09
Total Apportioned Assessments .....				
Not Due .....	<u><u>\$1,477.61</u></u>	<u><u>\$27,144.44</u></u>	<u><u>\$37,516.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$19,504.00</u></u>

**DEFERRED SEWER ASSESSMENT 1948 .....** \$950.92

**DEBT ACCOUNTS:**

	1949	1948
Elementary School .....	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Elementary School, William Mitchell .....	445,000.00	.....
New High School 1929 .....	15,000.00	30,000.00
Hospital Addition 1947 .....	450,000.00	475,000.00
Sewer Construction 1924 .....	30,000.00	35,000.00
Sewer Construction 1941 .....	5,000.00	7,500.00
Sewer Construction 1946 .....	6,000.00	9,000.00
Sewer Construction 1947 .....	155,000.00	175,000.00
Sewer Construction 1948 .....	180,000.00	200,000.00
Sewer Construction 1949 .....	150,000.00	.....
Street Construction 1946 .....	35,000.00	40,00,000.00
Veterans' Housing 1946 .....	6,000.00	9,000.00
Total Debt .....	<u><u>\$1,480,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$986,500.00</u></u>

**Trust Funds**

Frederick Bailey Fund .....	\$505.00
Martha Ann Barr Fund .....	500.00
Horace A. Carter Fund .....	1,174.21
Congregational Ch. Women's Assoc. Fund .....	254.58
Doctors Fund .....	536.23
Dwight School Fund .....	6,000.00
T. Otis Fuller Fund .....	7,000.00
Myra Greenwood Fund .....	12,482.11
Adeline E. Harris Fund .....	121.93
Mary Virginia E. Hill Fund .....	1,322.93
Hospital Donation Fund .....	4,265.22
The Lyon Fund .....	5,000.00
Mary J. Millett Fund .....	10,298.82
Mary E. Moseley Fund .....	4,290.00
William G. Moseley Fund .....	4,556.64
Needham Cemetery Investment Fund .....	1,012.50
Needham Military Band, Inc. Fund .....	524.02
Rotary Club of Needham Fund .....	1,005.83
Thomas Sutton Fund .....	1,039.02
John Tolman Fund .....	70,000.00
John B. Walker Fund .....	3,165.66
George E. Wye Fund .....	11,580.96
William H. Wye Fund .....	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b><u><u>\$147,635.66</u></u></b>

## FIRE INSURANCE SCHEDULE — JANUARY 1, 1950

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount Insured</i>	<i>80% of sound value</i>
Avery School .....		\$76,000.00
William Carter School .....		263,900.00
Dwight School .....		71,300.00
Eliot School .....		38,500.00
New Harris School .....		131,400.00
Stephen Palmer School .....		263,900.00
Riverside School .....		3,300.00
1898 School — Emery Grover .....		108,700.00
Junior High School .....		365,500.00
Senior High School .....		581,600.00
Fire and Police Station .....		158,600.00
Nurses Home .....		14,700.00
Glover Memorial Hospital .....		580,100.00
Public Library .....		65,300.00
Pumping Station No. 1 .....		30,500.00
Engineers Residence .....		13,000.00
Pumping Station No. 2 .....		10,200.00
Glancy Residence .....		6,300.00
Glancy Garage .....		400.00
Colburn Farm Building (Dwelling) .....		5,200.00
Well House or Cover No. 1 .....		1,700.00
Well House or Cover No. 2 .....		1,700.00
Storage Shed — Water Department .....		4,200.00
Town Hall .....		161,000.00
Legion Home .....		26,600.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars Building .....		6,800.00
Pumping Station No. 3 .....		27,000.00
Pumping Station .....		11,400.00
Field House .....		2,000.00
Band Stand .....		1,400.00
Dwelling .....		11,000.00
Small Dwelling .....		3,200.00
Barn .....		11,700.00
Town Barn .....		21,200.00
Skate House .....		1,000.00
Hicks Spring House .....		700.00
Bath House No. 1 .....		1,400.00
Bath House No. 2 .....		1,200.00
First Aid House .....		900.00
Refreshment Stand .....		100.00
Sub Pumping House .....		7,600.00
Fire Station (Needham Heights) .....		62,400.00
 Total value of contents of buildings insured .....		 \$3,154,600.00
		 317,500.00
 Separate policy: House — 64 Oak Hill Road .....		 \$3,472,100.00
265 Brookline Street .....		 3,000.00
		 1,500.00
		 \$4,500.00

# Town Officers

1949 - 1950

## ELECTED

<b>MODERATOR</b>	Samuel H. Wragg
<b>SELECTMEN</b>	George M. Pond, <i>Chairman</i>
William H. Cotter, Jr., <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Emery S. Doane, <i>Secretary</i>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Marian S. Peterson
<b>ASSESSORS</b>	Arthur H. Godfrey, 1952, <i>Chairman</i>
Earl W. Richwagen, 1951	A. Sterling Holt, 1950, <i>Secretary</i>
<b>TOWN TREASURER and TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Arnold Mackintosh, 1950
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	William A. Mann, 1952, <i>Chairman</i>
Livingston H. Lomas, 1950	Catherine L. Larson, 1951
Earl Alban, 1951	Meyer J. Gordon, 1952
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	W. Bigelow Hall, 1952, <i>Chairman</i>
Mabel P. Friswell, 1950, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Barbara M. Page, 1951
Edwin Wainwright, 1950	Charles E. Greene, 1952
Ruth E. Steere, 1951	
<b>TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK</b>	Thomas J. Crossman, 1951, <i>Chairman</i>
Samuel D. Low, 1950	Amos H. Shepherdson, 1952
Paul B. Richwagen, 1950	James H. Whetton, 1952
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	Harry W. Kimball, 1952, <i>Chairman</i>
Marion L. Johnson, 1952, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Helen B. Eastman, 1951
Arthur L. King, 1950	Fred G. Atchinson, 1951
Laura G. Willgoose, 1950	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	David E. Mann, 1950, <i>Chairman</i>
Leslie B. Cutler, 1952	Kenneth Christophe, 1951, <i>Secretary</i>
<b>TOWN PLANNING BOARD</b>	Clayton L. Holden, 1952, <i>Chairman</i>
James E. Cruickshank, 1950, <i>Secretary</i>	Eva H. Churchill, 1953
H. Kent Crabtree, 1951	Lawrence D. Walker, 1954
<b>NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>	John B. Moseley, 1954, <i>Chairman</i>
Robert W. S. Cox, 1950	Harold B. Putnam, 1951
Wilbar Whittemore, 1951	(appointed by State)
Guy S. Langstroth, 1953	
<b>COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	Roger W. Nutt, 1950
Vernal E. Kezer, 1951	Amos H. Shepherdson, 1952
<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>	Helen B. Richwagen, 1952, <i>Chairman</i>
Alan H. McIntosh, 1950, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	
Beatrice A. Wood, 1951, <i>Secretary</i>	
<b>CONSTABLES</b>	Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.
	William W. Hewett
<b>TOWN AGENTS</b>	George M. Pond
William H. Cotter, Jr.	Emery S. Doane
<b>MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK</b>	James H. Whetton
	Frederick A. Whetton
<b>PUBLIC WEIGHERS</b>	
James Gilleran	Joseph P. Simmons
Albert McNamara	John J. Whetton
Richard L. Nims	Frederick A. Whetton
Nicholas A. O'Brien	Edmund Cusack

## APPOINTED

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	Stanley F. Teele, 1950, <i>Chairman</i>
Samuel Loomis, 1950	John B. Dolan, 1950
Robert J. Latham, 1951	Blake H. Field, 1951
Evan C. Thorpe, 1951	Ritchie L. Stevens, 1952†
Elmer H. Everett, 1952	John V. Phelan, 1952
Conrad W. Frykberg, 1952	
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>	Melville W. Grant
<b>TRUSTEES OF GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</b>	
David H. Finnigan, 1950	Cyril N. Angell, 1951, <i>Chairman</i>
Herbert F. Stevenson, 1950	Eunice H. Milliken, 1950, <i>Secretary</i>
Edward J. Stewart, 1951	David O'Leary, Jr., 1951
Allan M. Cate, 1952	George A. Potter, 1952
	M. Helen Fox, 1952
<b>REGISTRARS OF VOTERS</b>	Armstrong Beattie, 1950, <i>Chairman</i>
Francis J. Donahue, 1951	Mary E. Fitzgerald, 1952
Marian S. Peterson, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	
<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>	Henry W. Hardy
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>	Lester C. Hollis, <i>Superintendent</i>
<b>DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS</b>	Frank L. Cheney, <i>Engineering</i>
Roger G. Oakman, <i>Water and Sewer</i>	
<b>ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER AND SEWER</b>	
	Edmund A. Symonds
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS</b>	Derwood A. Newman
<b>AGENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	Zella M. Mann
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	Robert N. McClellan
<b>SANITARY INSPECTOR</b>	Earl C. Richwagen
<b>AGENT FOR VETERANS' AID AND PENSIONS AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES</b>	Francis J. Stanwood
<b>BURIAL AGENT</b>	Francis J. Stanwood
<b>TRUANT OFFICER</b>	Edward L. Wainwright
<b>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS</b>	Edwin D. Keyes
<b>ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>	H. Wesley Kent
<b>INSPECTOR OF WIRING</b>	Clyde E. Cookson
<b>ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF WIRING</b>	Mowry K. Cookson
<b>INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING</b>	Frederick E. Cookson**
<b>ASSISTANT PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>	Chester E. Bosselmann
<b>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING</b>	
	Dr. Richard C. Schofield
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM</b>	Richard M. Salamone
<b>PETROLEUM INSPECTOR</b>	Richard M. Salamone
<b>FOREST WARDEN</b>	Richard M. Salamone
<b>DEPUTY FOREST WARDENS</b>	Charles J. Nute, Jr.
Carl W. Heller	Raymond D. Fales
Leo E. Buckley	Gordon F. Healey
J. Walter Schirmer	David E. Mann
<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</b>	Earl W. Richwagen

†Resigned.

\*\*Retired.

<b>LOCAL MOTH SUPERINTENDENT</b>	. . . . .	John P. Allen
<b>DOG OFFICER</b>	. . . . .	Lester K. Ramey
<b>KEEPER OF LOCKUP</b>	. . . . .	Thomas H. Welch
<b>INSPECTOR OF SAND AND GRAVEL</b>	. . . . .	Frank L. Cheney
<b>DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b>	. . . . .	George A. Wye*
		Frank J. Dermody
<b>DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR</b>	. . . . .	Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	. . . . .	Charlotte E. Gidley, <i>Librarian</i> †
		Dorothy Brown, <i>Librarian</i>
<b>GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</b>	Donald R. Carmichael, <i>Business Mgr.</i>	
	Helen I. Linane, <i>Superintendent of Nurses</i>	
	John E. Klish, <i>Administrator</i> †	

#### **CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Under Vote of Town, November 3, 1936**

Frank L. Cheney, 1950	Harold A. Smith, 1952
Melville W. Grant, <i>Accountant</i>	

<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>	. . . . .	Francis L. Guertin, 1952, <i>Chairman</i>
Roger W. Nutt, 1950		Enos G. Nickerson, 1951
Herbert L. Moore, 1950, <i>Special Member</i>		

<b>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE</b>	. . . . .	A. Wilson Corbett, <i>Chairman</i>
Leonard G. Puffer, <i>Secretary</i>		William Seaver
Herbert F. Stevenson†		Fred N. Depuy

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Under Art. 15, March 19, 1945 — To Consist of Three Members of Recreation Commission and One Member of Trustees of Memorial Park and One Member of School Committee**

Alan H. McIntosh, <i>Chairman</i>	Beatrice A. Wood, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>
Helen B. Richwagen, <i>Secretary</i>	Paul B. Richwagen
Edwin Wainwright	

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Under Art. 57, March 25, 1946 — Special Committee to Supervise Construction of New Fire Station in Needham Heights**

Enos G. Nickerson, <i>Chairman</i>	Harold A. Smith, <i>Secretary</i>
Ralph H. Gray	Clayton L. Holden
Richard M. Salamone	

**Under Art. 5, Special Town Meeting, June 10, 1947 — Hospital Building Committee**

Russell J. Rice, <i>Chairman</i> , by Selectmen	
Edwin W. L. Page, by Finance Committee	
Samuel S. Hall, Jr., by Taxpayers' Association	
Robert N. McClellan, by Hospital Trustees	
Dr. Kenneth Christophe, by Needham Medical Club	
Carleton D. Morse, <i>Secretary</i> , by Planning Board	
Edward J. Stewart, by the six members of the Committee	

**Under Art. 48, March 15, 1948 — Town Forest Committee**

Ronald D. Lowden, <i>Chairman</i>	Lester C. Hollis
Dr. J. Walter Schirmer	

\*Deceased

†Resigned

**Under Art. 51 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 21, 1949 —  
To determine the parts of the parcels of land off Brookline  
Street to be used for school purposes**

Julius F. Haller, *by the Moderator*  
Petra M. Morrow, *by the Moderator*  
Emery S. Doane, *by the Moderator*  
Frank Flood, *by Finance Committee*  
Derwood A. Newman, *by School Committee*  
Lawrence D. Walker, *by Planning Board*  
Henry D. Hersey, *by Public School Association*  
William P. Bailey, *by Selectmen*  
Pierce B. Bennett, *by Taxpayers' Association*

**Under Art. 51 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 21, 1949 —  
To study the needs for additional school building facilities in  
various districts of the town**

Julius F. Haller, *by the Moderator*  
Ruth N. Fletcher, *by the Moderator*  
Emery S. Doane, *by the Moderator*  
Ralph J. Sayward, *by Finance Committee†*  
Frederick L. Glover, *by School Committee*  
Kent Crabtree, *by Planning Board*  
Chandler Jones, *by Public School Association*  
William P. Bailey, *by Selectmen*  
Raymond D. Balcom, *by Taxpayers' Association*  
James K. Sanborn, *by Finance Committee*

**Under Art. 53 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 21, 1949 —  
To supervise construction and original equipping and furnishing  
of elementary school building off Brookline Street**

Julius F. Haller, *by the Moderator*  
Petra M. Morrow, *by the Moderator*  
Emery S. Doane, *by the Moderator*  
Frank Flood, *by Finance Committee*  
Derwood A. Newman, *by School Committee*  
Lawrence D. Walker, *by Planning Board*  
Henry D. Hersey, *by Public School Association*  
William P. Bailey, *by Selectmen*  
Pierce B. Bennett, *by Taxpayers' Association*

**ANNUAL REPORT COMMITTEE**

Richard B. Sanders, *Chairman*  
Charles H. Davis  
Herbert M. Johnson  
N. Grant Mackinnon  
Raymond L. Bond, Jr.

George A. Potter  
William H. Cotter, Jr.  
Chandler W. Jones  
Walter F. Kammler  
Donald L. Fessenden

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†Resigned

# Town Meeting Members

## *Members at Large*

Cotter, William H.	..... Selectman
Cutler, Leslie B.	..... Senator
Doane, Emery	..... Selectman
Godfrey, Arthur H.	..... Assessor
Hall, W. Bigelow	..... School Committee
Hardy, Henry W.	..... Town Counsel
Holden, Clayton L.	..... Planning Board
Mackintosh, Arnold	..... Treasurer
Mann, David E.	..... Board of Health
Teele, Stanley F.	..... Finance
Peterson, Marian S.	..... Town Clerk
Pond, George M.	..... Selectman
Putnam, Harold	..... Representative
Wragg, Samuel H.	..... Moderator

## *District One*

### **EXPIRATION 1950**

Allen, Richard M.  
Bond, Jerry, Jr.  
Brion, John N.  
Claxton, Philip H.  
Franz, Paul  
Horr, George D.  
Johnson, Arthur G.  
Linscott, Paul H.  
Middleton, Wesley J.  
Proctor, Letty S.  
Reeves, Ralph F.  
Sayce, Edward G.  
Smith, Harold A.  
Southworth, Winthrop M.  
Talmadge, Nelson A.  
Twigg, Julia B.  
Brown, Paul C.

### **EXPIRATION 1951**

Blaisdell, Herbert E.  
Brearley, Sidney P.  
Burnham, Richard D.  
Cowdrey, Irving H.  
Hollis, Stanley M.  
Holt, R. Ashley  
Hopkins, George H.  
Humphrey, Gorham W.  
Moore, Herbert L.  
Nickerson, Enos G.  
Reeves, Alice W.  
Richwagen, Victor L.  
Salamone, Richard M.  
Steere, Ruth E.  
Thorpe, Evan C.

### **EXPIRATION 1952**

Beers, David L.  
Bennett, Pierce B.  
Bond, Raymond L.  
Caulton, Frederick M.  
Dunn, Alice B.  
Eaton, Chester W.  
Hill, Harry R.  
Holt, George W.  
Jones, Guy P.  
Murdoch, David  
Packard, Leonard O.  
Stanwood, Francis J.  
Stevens, Ritchie L.  
Welch, Thomas H.  
Wertheim, Clarke H.  
Wye, Percy E.

## *District Two*

### **EXPIRATION 1950**

Ackroyd, Roland J.  
Bliss, Lucy E.  
Chambers, Ralph E.  
Cruickshank, James E.  
Denner, Herbert J.  
Eastman, Harold F.  
Haller, Julius F.  
King, Arthur L.  
Moulton, Gretta S.  
McIntosh, Alan H.  
Page, Edwin W. L.  
Potter, George A.  
Rice, Russell J.  
Wilkinson, Holley A.  
Wood, Beatrice A.  
Wyeth, Stimson

### **EXPIRATION 1951**

Binney, Ralph M.  
Cassidy, William S.  
Clarenbach, Walter R.  
Fay, Earl C.  
Flood, Frank L.  
Hersey, Henry D.  
Holt, A. Sterling  
Hunter, Albert E.  
Johnston, Stewart B.  
Kezer, Vernal E.  
Larson, N. Henry  
Lawson, Harold M.  
Sanborn, James K.  
Sturtevant, Justus H.  
Winslow, Gordon B.  
Worth, Blanche S.

### **EXPIRATION 1952**

Ackroyd, James A.  
Angell, Cyril N.  
Childs, Kenneth M.  
Christophe, Kenneth  
Cox, Gilbert W. C.  
Cross, Everett C.  
Fox, M. Helen  
Holt, Gardner M.  
Loker, Robert P.  
Lomas, Livingston H.  
Loomis, Samuel  
Nickerson, Paul U.  
Nutt, Roger W.  
Paige, Percy H.  
Stephens, Alan  
Wheeler, William E.

### *District Three*

#### **EXPIRATION 1950**

Blake, Stuart L.  
 Burr, Francis H.  
 Burton, Clarence S.  
 Churchill, Eva H.  
 Elliott, Byron K.  
 Fanning, Fred L.  
 Hall, Ray C.  
 Johnson, Marcel E.  
 McCulloch, Kenneth J.  
 Nichols, Hollis P.  
 Preble, Julia M.  
 Richardson, Joseph P.  
 Thomas, Roby S.  
 Sargent, Sullivan A., Jr.  
 Wells, Curtis R.  
 Walker, John

#### **EXPIRATION 1951**

Bailey, William P.  
 Bartlett, F. Parker, Jr.  
 Birkett, Arthur H.  
 Farley, John W.  
 Gay, William H.  
 Howe, Parkman D.  
 Litchfield, Lemont D.  
 Mann, William A.  
 March, Roland C., Jr.  
 Page, Robert W.  
 Perry, Rebecca H.  
 Rooney, Thomas J.  
 Stanley, Arthur R.  
 Stevenson, Herbert F.  
 Swigart, Donald W.  
 Ulbrich, M. Alfred

#### **EXPIRATION 1952**

Brown, Maurice V.  
 Burr, I. Tucker, Jr.  
 Campbell, Donald R.  
 Daniels, A. Richards  
 Godfrey, Frank E.  
 Guild, Henry R.  
 Johnson, Lloyd T.  
 Lees, James W., Jr.  
 MacGregor, Forbes  
 Moulton, Eldon L.  
 McIntosh, Charles B.  
 Rawstron, Stanley  
 Rider, Daniel H.  
 Robinson, Harry J.  
 Taylor, Frank E.  
 Wilks, Ronald D.

### *District Four*

#### **EXPIRATION 1950**

Bell, Theodore P.  
 Bragg, Frances K.  
 Cookson, Clyde E.  
 Crabtree, H. Kent  
 Crossman, Thomas J.  
 Day, Robert F.  
 Dodge, Herbert L.  
 King, Robert N.  
 MacGregor, John  
 Mills, Chester R.  
 Morse, Carleton D.  
 Newman, Derwood A.  
 Phelan, John V.  
 Shaw, Francis W.  
 Whitney, Susie G.  
 Hunt, Waldo M.  
 Schnelle, Gerry B.

#### **EXPIRATION 1951**

Dubois, Theresa H.  
 Eaton, Donald A.  
 Field, Blake H.  
 Glover, Frederic L.  
 Hall, Katherine L.  
 Harkins, John F.  
 Lowden, Ronald D.  
 McIntosh, Theodore  
 Piper, Benjamin Y.  
 Richards, Karl W.  
 Richwagen, Earl W.  
 Richwagen, Paul B.  
 Rising, Philip D.  
 Sanders, Richard B.  
 Willgoose, Dorathea  
 Wragg, George M.

#### **EXPIRATION 1952**

Bailey, John M.  
 Donahue, L. Charles  
 Eaton, Laurence E.  
 Fletcher, Louis E.  
 Hodgdon, Clyde V.  
 Jost, Nelson M.  
 Kimball, Harry W.  
 Miller, James F.  
 Smyth, Charles W.  
 Stewart, Sidney  
 Wainwright, Edwin M.  
 Walker, Lawrence D.  
 Weld, J. Linzee  
 Whitney, Carleton F.  
 Willgoose, Laura G.

### *District Five*

#### **EXPIRATION 1950**

Atchinson, Fred G.  
 Caulton, Lawrence G.  
 Coburn, Almon G.  
 Cutler, Horace W., Jr.  
 Daley, John J.  
 Flint, Chester R.  
 Hallein, Edward E.  
 Hauptman, Joseph W.  
 Heald, Everett H.  
 Latham, Robert J.  
 Martin, Harry  
 Small, Asa M.  
 Spicer, Charles E.  
 Taylor, John F., Jr.  
 Warren, George E.  
 Whetton, John J.  
 Wyness, Robert B.

#### **EXPIRATION 1951**

Anderson, Elizabeth E.  
 Brooks, Walter A.  
 Crowley, Florence M.  
 Frost, Fred L.  
 Gaudet, Ralph L.  
 Hamburger, Amos  
 Hammersley, Samson  
 Hoitt, H. Milton  
 Hutchins, John W.  
 March, Roland C.  
 Morse, Prescott B.  
 Nickerson, Ellis M.  
 Pinkham, Everett C.  
 Simon, Philip  
 Smith, Myron  
 Walton, Harold R.

#### **EXPIRATION 1952**

Bloh, Adolph A.  
 Bloh, Paul T.  
 Bond, Raymond L., Jr.  
 Brady, Gertrude A.  
 Cassidy, W. Ansel  
 Grasso, Lincoln E.  
 Hartshorn, Alfred P.  
 Henderson, Daniel C.  
 McKinlay, J. Allan  
 Noyes, George H.  
 Owen, Walter H.  
 Stanley, Edgar S.  
 Tocci, Matthew  
 Turner, Albert E.  
 Vincent, Harold T.

# Jury List

1949 - 1950

Harry J. Adams	Senior Clerk	59 Ridgeway Ave.
John Q. Adams	Regional Engineer	401 Warren St.
Kenneth F. Akers	Insurance	61 Fair Oaks Pk.
Arvid J. Amundsen	Machinist	13 Appleton Rd.
John W. Anderson	Jeweler	483 Great Plain Ave.
Dexter W. Arey	Salesman	61 Tower Ave.
Walter S. Attridge	Insurance	17 Fairlawn St.
John E. Auchmoody	Asst. Treasurer	335 Charles River St.
Louis B. Avanzini	Foreman	61 Grant St.
Philips Baker	Insurance	9 Hillcrest Rd.
Charles E. Barry	Retail Store Business	367 High Rock St.
Earle A. Beaton	Const. Engineer	35 Moseley Ave.
Richard M. Blakely	Auditor	8 Nevada Rd.
Arvid Brachman	Musician	14 Ellicott St.
John H. Braine	Retired	376 Cartwright Rd.
John B. Brawley	Salesman	44 Barrett St.
Harry R. Broadley	Assistant Supt.	60 Dana Pl.
Howard J. Buckley	Builder	17 Mayflower Rd.
Leo E. Buckley	Mail Carrier	7 Greenwood Ave.
Everett W. Burns	Insurance Approver	75 Laurel Drive
Everett E. Byrd	Superintendent	57 Prospect St.
Alfred A. Byrnes	District Manager	80 Mayo Ave.
John W. Cable	Painter	34 Prospect St.
John F. Carey, Jr.	Purchasing Agent	120 Hillside Ave.
Edmund A. Carr	Insurance Adjustor	24 Oakhurst Cir.
Everett C. Carey	Ind. Engineer	31 Glendale Rd.
Frank Castagnetti	Operator	1086 Central Ave.
Walter M. Chase	Clerk	28 Hillcrest Rd.
George G. Cheney	Bldg. Contractor	102 Pine St.
Byron B. Clark	Prof. Med.	21 Stevens Rd.
Arthur V. Collins	Representative	267 High Rock St.
F. Raymond Cook	Fire Protec. Eng.	47 Powers St.
Harry J. Coughlan	Contractor	569 Chestnut St.
Leo C. Coyne	Sales Engineer	134 Garden St.
Charles T. Creamer	Salesman	515 High Rock St.
Harry G. Crosby	Retired	69 Melrose Ave.
James E. Cruickshank	Acc't. Executive	150 Wachusett Rd.
Richard W. Davis	Publisher	91 Morningside Rd.
John A. Devereaux	Salesman	66 Pilgrim Rd.
Curtis J. Dierauf	Special Rep.	100 Valley Rd.
Robert C. Digges	District Rep.	598 Webster St.
Harry F. Doherty	Retired	59 Norfolk St.
Joseph P. Driscoll	Chauffeur	263 Warren St.
Garnet W. Earle	Salesman	1464 Highland Ave.
Fred Edison	Designer	62 Kimball St.
Berle F. Edwards	Painter	15 Morley St.
E. Wesley Enman	Manager	423 Dedham Ave.
Charles E. Evans	Clerk	148 West St.
Elmer H. Everett	Engineer	1111 Highland Ave.
John S. Farlow	Insurance	769 South St.
James P. Farricy	Buffer	125 Webster St.
Andrew J. Fay	Salesman	26 Fairfield St.
William Fitzgerald	Admin. Asst.	337 West St.
Samuel J. Forsyth	Driver	1243 South St.
Richard Fortune	Office Manager	420 Webster St.
Harold C. Foulkes	Sign Hanger	52 Holmes St.
Paul J. Frank	Asst. Dept. Head	12 Oakland Ave.
Paul H. Franz	Executive	56 Tower Ave.
Daniel G. Frawley	Salesman	5 Otis St.

Robert B. Gage	Retired	58 Grant St.
Gordon S. George	Service Manager	146 South St.
A. Ramsey Gifford	Accountant	43 Intervale Rd.
A. Victor Gilfoy	Executive	47 Newbury Pk.
Francis O. Goodwill	Salesman	85 Clarke Rd.
Melville J. Goodwin	Sales Engineer	21 Coolidge Ave.
Frederic L. Graves	Manager	1144 Central Ave.
James C. Greenway	Scientist	590 Charles River St.
Martin H. Gurley	Chemist	793 Great Plain Ave.
John A. Haffey	Upholsterer	639 Central Ave.
Arthur C. Hampton	Foreman	47 Prospect St.
John C. Hersome	Salesman	55 Coolidge Ave.
Charles E. Hess	Instructor	38 Prince St.
Frank G. Hobbs	Salesman	60 Laurel Drive
Frederick A. Hoeh	Manufacturer	109 Paul Revere Rd.
Charles F. Hogan	Chauffeur	49 Newell Ave.
Clayton L. Holden	Stock Broker	1075 Highland Ave.
Clarence E. Holmes	Foreman	617 Central Ave.
Roy F. Holmes	Retired	903 Webster St.
Roy N. Holmes	Dealer	6 Glendale Rd.
George H. Howard	Foreman	38 Parkland Rd.
Herbert W. Hubbard	Salesman	72 Douglas Rd.
Leo W. Huegle	Retired	42 Newbury Pk.
Albert E. Hunter	Cert. Public Acct.	27 Prince St.
James R. Huxley	Painter	24 Gage St.
Howard H. Jensenius	Salesman	1336 Great Plain Ave.
Putnam M. Johnson	Salesman	321 Webster St.
Martin E. Keady	Factory Employee	418 Hunnewell St.
Edmund H. Keenan	Dye Maker	40 Freeman Pl.
Ralph E. Keith	Plumber	565 Hunnewell St.
Abraham I. Kelman	Cloth Cutter	38 Pleasant St.
Michael Kelly	Radio Engineer	36 Woodlawn Ave.
Royal G. Kenny	Stock Broker	221 Greendale Ave.
John H. Kent	Elect. Repairman	164 West St.
Stephen J. Keris	Cutter	24 Ellicott St.
Donald C. Knapp	Sales Manager	11 LaSalle Rd.
Samuel Kolow	Druggist	1045 Greendale Ave.
Andrew Lambert	At Home	1360 Great Plain Ave.
R. Edgar Lannon	Clerk	3 Plymouth Rd.
William R. LaRocque	Ind. Hygienist	134 Grant St.
Stanley L. Leavitt	Insurance	605 Great Plain Ave.
George E. Leeper	Insurance Adjustor	62 Washington Ave.
Henry M. Leonard	Supervisor	148 Sylvan Rd.
Albert T. Liljequist	Merchant	108 Grant St.
Edward Livesey	Salesman	145 Grant St.
John A. Loud	Print. Machinery	123 Garden St.
Arthur L. Lowe	Spec. Agent Insur.	42 LaSalle Rd.
Benedictus E. Lowman	District Manager	523 Great Plain Ave.
Angelo Lualdi	Sculptor	89 Birds Hill Ave.
Edwin A. Lundquist	Salesman	117 Grosvenor Rd.
Raymond F. Lyon	Salesman	171 Great Plain Ave.
Edmund S. MacPherson	Ass't. Manager	119 Bradford St.
James I. Maloney	Salesman	122 Hoover Rd.
Frank J. Manning	Monument Dealer	29 Gibson St.
Leo F. McAdam	Night Watchman	1167 Great Plain Ave.
Joseph J. McAleney	Mechanic	326 Rosemary St.
William J. McLaughlin	Retired	743 Webster St.
Colin McMath	Retired	92 School St.
Wesley E. McQuarrie	Food Broker	21 Concord St.
Ernest W. Merchant	Elect. Engineer	16 Henderson St.
Robert Dexter Merritt	Invest. Analysis	62 Noyes St.
William Miller	Salesman	22 Pleasant St.
William W. Morrow	Salesman	56 Green St.

Laurence P. Morse	Machinist	1437 Great Plain Ave.
Harold B. Neal	Executive	53 Mt. Vernon Ave.
George W. Neale	Clerk	113 May St.
George A. Neilson	Insurance	80 Lawton Rd.
Harry W. Nelson	Engineer	53 Parkinson St.
George Elmore Nicoll	Purchasing Agent	92 Taylor St.
Ray V. Norman	Sales Engineer	72 Marked Tree Rd.
Russell V. B. Nye	Salesman	63 Prince St.
Arthur W. Oakman	Artist	114 Powers St.
Charles A. Orne	Knitter	216 Brookline St.
Edward B. Orr	Newspaper Ed. Wtr.	79 South St.
Ernest H. Osgood	Banker	133 Thornton Rd.
James Otis	Attorney	75 Redington Rd.
Richard C. J. Palson	Ind. Designer	43 Lincoln St.
Harry Pandolf	Contracting	106 Sachem Rd.
Olmstead Peet	Draftsman	357 Manning St.
Lawrence Perkins	Const. Supt.	100 Hoover Rd.
Harry C. Philbrick, Jr.	Dept. Head	68 Kingsbury St.
Elmer L. Phillips	Salesman	86 School St.
John R. Pike	Engineer	24 Doane Ave.
Frederick A. Pilkington	Salesman	44 Hunnewell St.
Robert J. Plattner	Accountant	23 Norwich Rd.
George M. Pond	Retired	858 Webster St.
Francis A. Poole, Jr.	Manager	11 Lancaster Rd.
Charles F. Potter	Supervisor	77 Page Rd.
Raiford W. Remington	Purchasing Agent	63 Melrose Ave.
Gardner B. Roberts	Accountant	68 Melrose Ave.
Charles E. Rodenhaven	Salesman	117 Hoover Rd.
Frank C. Rohmer	Proprietor	65 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Edward A. Ryall	Manager	113 May St.
James L. Sandison	Fire Insurance	232 May St.
John E. Schultz	Clerk	217 Hillside Ave.
Samuel Scott	Architect	147 Thornton Rd.
Alfred D. Sedergran	Salesman	114 Hawthorne Ave.
Burt H. Shaw	Retired	53 Mayo Ave.
John A. Shelton	Banker	89 Green St.
Harry E. Slaney	Machinist	170 West St.
Guy E. Small	Salesman	6 Mayo Ave.
Charles S. Snow	Retired	16 Walnut St.
Francis J. Stanwood	Retired	749 Great Plain Ave.
Richard R. Stanwood	Acc't. Manager	16 Birchwood Rd.
Albert D. Swanson	Bldg. Supt.	197 Rosemary St.
Robert M. Tappan	Banker	731 South St.
Joseph Thomas	Engineer	9 Ridgeway Ave.
Albert L. Thompson	Sales Engineer	19 Parkinson St.
Oscar W. Tippett	Advertising	101 Wachusetts Rd.
Leon H. Tompkins	Purchasing Agent	78 Sargent St.
Austin M. Tonner	Accountant	17 Warren St.
Carleton V. Topliffe	Sales Manager	93 Paul Revere Rd.
Roy E. Towne	Salesman	33 Pennsylvania Ave.
Edmund W. Trowbridge	Statistician	69 Walnut St.
William C. Tyree	Supervisor	34 Washington Ave.
John S. Walker	Banking	465 Warren St.
Carl H. Ward	Accountant	56 Oakland Ave.
Eliot B. Ware, Jr.	Insurance	212 Broadmeadow Rd.
Arnold E. Watkins	Display Man	231 Hunnewell St.
Waldemar R. White	Mechanic	96 Bradford St.
Walter B. Whitney	Mechanical Eng.	27 Fairview Rd.
Forrest L. Whittredge	Buyer	131 Broadmeadow Rd.
George E. Wight	Electrician	23 WilshirePk.
Frank Winthrop	Manufacturer	61 Rybury Hillway
Roger A. Worrey	Superintendent	56 Tower Ave.

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# At Your Service

## *Emergency Numbers*

AMBULANCE ..	NE 3-1700
FIRE .....	NE 3-0142
HOSPITAL.....	NE 3-2803
POLICE .....	NE 3-1700

### For Information on

Assessments  
 Bicycle Licenses  
 Bills and Accounts  
 Birth Certificates  
 Building Permits  
 Death Certificates  
 Dog Licenses  
 Dogs — Lost and Found  
 Elections  
 Engineering  
 Entertainment Licenses  
 Fire Permits  
 Fishing, Hunting, Trapping  
 Licenses  
 Forestry  
 Fuel Oil Storage  
 Garbage Collection  
 Health  
 Library  
 Lights, Street  
 Marriage Certificates  
 Milk Inspection  
 Mortgages, Personal Property  
 Mosquito Control  
 Playgrounds and Recreation  
 Schools  
 Selectmen  
 Sewers  
 Streets  
 Tax Assessments  
 Tax Collections  
 Town Hall  
 Veterans  
 Veterans' Housing  
 Voting and Registration  
 Water  
 Welfare  
 Wiring  
 Zoning

### Call

	At
Assessors	NE 3-0180
Police	NE 3-1700
Accountant	NE 3-1666
Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920
Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Dog Officer	NE 3-0132-J
Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Selectmen	NE 3-0235
Fire Dept.	NE 3-0142
Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Fire Dept.	NE 3-0142
Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Public Library	NE 3-0087
Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Recreation Director	NE 3-0356
School Dept.	NE 3-0010
Selectmen	NE 3-0235
Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Assessors	NE 3-0180
Tax Collector	NE 3-0152
Custodian	NE 3-1518
Veterans' Service Dept.	NE 3-2440
Vets. Housing Author.	NE 3-3011
Board of Registrars	NE 3-2525
Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Public Welfare Dept.	NE 3-1710
Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920
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**At the Annual Town Meeting held March 2, 1891 under  
Article No. 27 it was**

*Voted:* That the design for a town seal presented by the committee appointed at the last annual meeting for that purpose be adopted as the corporate seal of the Town of Needham, and that the same committee be authorized to have a die and cuts of said seal made, said design being a landscape view representing High Rock in the background, with an oak tree on the right, an Indian's wigwam on the left, and in the foreground water representing the Charles river, on the bank of which stands the figure of an Indian in the act of delivering a scroll or deed to two white men, said view being enclosed by a beaded circle surrounded by the words "Town of Needham. Incorporated 1711," the whole being enclosed by a border of two circles, the inner beaded, the outer plain.

# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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Town Clerk's Records

OF THE

## Annual Election of Town Officers

March 14, 1949

AND

Annual Town Meeting

March 21, 1949

AND

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting

March 23, 1949



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# NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

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## RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 14, 1949

Agreeably to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen February 1, 1949, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 14, 1949, at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant and Officer's Return were read by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

The ballot boxes were inspected and found to be empty with the registers set on 0000. The boxes were then locked and the keys delivered to William H. Dugan, the officer in attendance.

The ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Moderator.

The ballots prepared by the Town Clerk for use at this election were then delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken therefor.

The polls were opened at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by Section 48, Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

**Article 1.** To choose by ballot the following Town Officers:

Three Selectmen for one year;

One Moderator for one year;

One Town Clerk for one year;

One Assessor for three years;

Two Members of Board of Public Welfare for three years;

Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years;

Two Trustees of Memorial Park for three years;

Two Members of the School Committee for three years;

One Member of the Board of Health for three years;

One Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years;

One Member of the Town Planning Board for five years;

One Member of the Town Planning Board for two years;

One Member of the Recreation Commission for three years;

Four Members of the Needham Housing Authority, the one receiving the highest number of votes to serve for five years, the one receiving the next highest number of votes to serve for four years, the one receiving the next highest number of votes to serve for two years, and the one receiving the next highest number of votes to serve for one year;

Two Constables for one year;

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

One Town Meeting Member for District 1 for one year;  
 One Town Meeting Member for District 4 for one year;  
 One Town Meeting Member for District 4 for two years;  
 Two Town Meeting Members for District 5 for two years; and  
 Sixteen Town Meeting Members for each District, namely 1, 2, 3, 4  
 and 5, for three years.

The ballots were audibly counted by the Moderator when taken from the box, and at 11 A.M. 634 ballots were taken from the box;

2 P.M. 578 ballots were taken from the box;  
 5 P.M. 591 ballots were taken from the box;  
 7 P.M. 410 ballots were taken from the box;  
 8 P.M. 1,084 ballots were taken from the box;

In addition there were 21 absentee ballots cast

Making the total number  
 of ballots cast

3,318 ballots

The vote by districts was as follows:

District	Male	Female	Total
1	399	424	823
2	462	472	934
3	270	267	537
4	280	312	592
5	242	190	432
	1,653	1,665	3,318

A canvass of all votes given was made as required by law. Upon completion of the canvass of all votes cast the result of the voting was declared by the Moderator to be as follows, viz:

*For Moderator*

Samuel H. Wragg .....	2,716
Blanks .....	602

and Samuel H. Wragg was declared elected Moderator for one year.

*For Town Clerk*

Marian S. Peterson .....	2,890
Blanks .....	428

and Marian S. Peterson was declared elected Town Clerk for one year.

*For Selectmen*

Jerry Bond, Jr. ....	1,624
William H. Cotter, Jr. ....	2,394
Emery S. Doane ....	2,232
George M. Pond ....	2,487
Blanks ....	1,217

and William H. Cotter, Jr., Emery S. Doane and George M. Pond were declared elected Selectmen for one year.

*For Assessor (for three years)*

Arthur H. Godfrey .....	2,889
Blanks .....	429

and Arthur H. Godfrey was declared elected Assessor for three years.

*For Department of Public Welfare (for three years)*

Meyer J. Gordon .....	2,549
William A. Mann .....	2,790
Blanks .....	1,297

and Meyer J. Gordon and William A. Mann were elected members of the Board of Public Welfare for three years.

*For School Committee (for three years)*

Ralph E. Chambers .....	1,271
Charles E. Greene .....	1,612
W. Bigelow Hall .....	1,479
Robert P. Loker .....	705
James A. Newslo w .....	701
Blanks .....	868

and Charles E. Greene and W. Bigelow Hall were declared elected members of the School Committee for three years.

*For Trustee of Memorial Park (for three years)*

Amos H. Shepherdson .....	2,735
James H. Whetton .....	2,730
Blanks .....	1,171

and Amos H. Shepherdson and James H. Whetton were declared elected Trustees of Memorial Park for three years.

*For Trustees of Public Library (for three years)*

Marion L. Johnson .....	2,711
Harry W. Kimball .....	2,703
Blanks .....	1,222

and Marion L. Johnson and Harry W. Kimball were declared elected Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

*For Board of Health (for three years)*

Leslie B. Cutler .....	2,760
Blanks .....	558

and Leslie B. Cutler was declared elected a member of the Board of Health for three years.

*For Planning Board (for five years)*

Lawrence D. Walker .....	2,652
Blanks .....	666

and Lawrence D. Walker was declared elected a member of the Town Planning Board for five years.

*For Planning Board (for two years) (to fill vacancy)*

H. Kent Crabtree .....	2,615
Blanks .....	703

and H. Kent Crabtree was declared elected a member of the Town Planning Board for two years.

*For Commissioner of Trust Funds (for three years)*

Amos H. Shepherdson .....	2,677
Blanks .....	641

and Amos H. Shepherdson was declared elected Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years.

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*For Constables*

William W. Hewett.....	2,785
Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr. ....	2,621
Blanks .....	1,230
and William W. Hewett and Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr. were declared elected Constables for one year.	

*For Recreation Commission (for three years)*

Helen B. Richwagen .....	2,725
Blanks .....	593
and Helen B. Richwagen was declared elected a member of the Recreation Commission for three years.	

*For Members of Needham Housing Authority*

Robert W. S. Cox .....	1,941
Guy S. Langstroth .....	2,106
John B. Moseley .....	2,250
James H. Noonan .....	1,682
Wilbar Whittemore .....	2,001
Blanks .....	3,292

and Robert W. S. Cox, Guy S. Langstroth, John B. Moseley and Wilbar Whittemore were declared elected members of the Needham Housing Authority.

The following were elected Town Meeting Members.

*District Number 1 (for three years)*

David L. Beers	Guy P. Jones
Pierce B. Bennett	David Murdoch
Raymond L. Bond	Leonard O. Packard
Frederick M. Caulton	Francis J. Stanwood
Alice B. Dunn	Ritchie L. Stevens
Chester W. Eaton	Thomas H. Welch
Harry R. Hill	Clarke H. Wertheim
George W. Holt	Percy E. Wye

*District Number 1 (for one year)*

Wesley J. Middleton

*District Number 2 (for three years)*

James A. Ackroyd	Robert P. Loker
Cyril N. Angell	Livingston H. Lomas
Kenneth M. Childs	Samuel Loomis
Kenneth Christophe	Paul U. Nickerson
Gilbert W. C. Cox	Roger W. Nutt
Everett C. Cross	Percy H. Paige
M. Helen Fox	Alan Stephens
Gardner M. Holt	William E. Wheeler

*District Number 3 (for three years)*

Maurice V. Brown	Forbes MacGregor
I. Tucker Burr, Jr.	Eldon L. Moulton
Donald R. Campbell	Charles B. McIntosh
A. Richards Daniels	Stanley Rawstron
Frank E. Godfrey	Daniel H. Rider
Henry R. Guild	Harry J. Robinson
Lloyd T. Johnson	Frank E. Taylor
James W. Lees, Jr.	Ronald D. Wilks

*District Number 4 (for three years)*

John M. Bailey	James F. Miller
L. Charles Donahue	Charles W. Smyth
Laurence E. Eaton	Sidney Stewart
Louis E. Fletcher	Edwin M. Wainwright
W. Bigelow Hall	Lawrence D. Walker
Clyde V. Hodgdon	J. Linzee Weld
Nelson M. Jost	Carleton F. Whitney
Harry W. Kimball	Laura G. Willgoose

*District Number 4 (for one year)*

Waldo M. Hunt	(8)
Edwin D. Keyes	(8)

(At a special meeting of the Town Meeting Members of District 4 held on March 21, 1949 for the purpose of dissolving the tie vote, Waldo Hunt was elected to serve until the next Annual Election.)

*District Number 4 (for two years)*

Benjamin Y. Piper

*District Number 5 (for three years)*

Adolph A. Bloh	William Mitchell
Paul T. Bloh	J. Allan McKinlay
Raymond L. Bond, Jr.	George H. Noyes
Gertrude A. Brady	Walter H. Owen
W. Ansel Cassidy	Edgar S. Stanley
Lincoln E. Grasso	Matthew Tocci
Alfred P. Hartshorn	Albert E. Turner
Daniel C. Henderson	Harold T. Vincent

*District Number 5 (for two years)*

Amos Hamburger
John W. Hutchins

**Article 2.** To vote "Yes" or "No" on the following question:

Shall the Town accept Chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948, entitled: "An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees," and providing for an increase in certain pensions and retirement allowances, where employees were retired prior to January 1, 1946, of two hundred dollars annually, provided said increase does not make any such pension or retirement allowances, exclusive of any amount of additional annuity obtained by special purchase, exceed fifteen hundred dollars annually.

Yes.....	1,884
No .....	849
Blanks .....	1,085

All the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots and check lists were sealed up, endorsed by the Election Officer and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Adjourned at 12:50 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, March 15, 1949.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

March 21, 1949

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Selectmen February 1, 1949, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 21, 1949, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 373 men and 139 women were checked on the list as being present, a total of 512. There were 223 Town Meeting Members present, constituting a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, P.M., by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

All present stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Dr. William Mitchell, who passed away on March 15, 1949. The Moderator appointed a Committee of five to draw up a tribute to Dr. Mitchell, to be presented at the next Adjourned Town Meeting. The Moderator then proceeded to

**Article 3.** To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

*Voted:* That the following Town Officers be elected:

*Town Agents:* William H. Cotter, Jr., Emery S. Doane, George M. Pond.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark:* James H. Whetton, Frederick A. Whetton.

*Public Weighers:* James H. Whetton, Frederick A. Whetton, John J. Whetton, Nicholas A. O'Brien, James Gilleran, Albert McNamara, Richard L. Nims, Betty Rosenkrans, Ralph T. Woodcock, Lawrence Shields, Edmund Cusack.

**Article 4.** To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

*Voted:* That the Reports of Town Officers and Committees, other than the report of the Special Committee on Salaries and Wages established under Article 16 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, be accepted and placed on file.

**Article 5.** To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1948.

*Voted:* That the unexpended balances, except those appropriated by this meeting, be returned to the Treasury, and that the sum of \$25.00 be appropriated for the payment of "unpaid bills."

**Article 6.** To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1949.

*Voted:* That unpaid bills contracted in 1949 but not received by the Town until after January 1, 1950, regarded as "unpaid bills," be paid in January, 1950, from cash on hand, and that the amount so paid be reported by the Town Accountant to the Finance Committee to be included in their report of appropriations for 1950.

**Article 7.** To see what disposition the Town will make of monies received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,281.74, received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund, be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

**Article 8.** To see what action the Town will take relative to the compensation of its Town Officers, other than elective officers, and its Employees.

*Voted:* That the compensation of Town Officers, other than elective officers, and its Employees for the year 1949 be the same as voted in the annual budget, provided however that such increases as are recommended in the report of the Special Committee established under Article 16 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and are adopted by this Meeting shall become effective as of April 1, 1949.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended:

Town Clerk	
Board of Selectmen	{ Chairman of the Board Second Member Third Member
Board of Assessors	{ Principal Assessor Second Assessor Third Assessor

Town Treasurer and Tax Collector

and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

*Voted:* That the salaries of the Town Clerk, the Members of the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Board of Assessors and the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector be the amounts appropriated for such purposes under Article No. 12 of the Warrant, such salaries to be retroactive to January 1, 1949, provided however that such increases in said salaries as are recommended in the report of the Special Committee established under Article 16 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and are adopted by this Meeting shall become effective as of April 1, 1949.

**Article 10.** To see in what manner the Town will have its taxes collected for the current year.

*Voted:* That the taxes for the current year be collected in the same manner as in the year 1948, and that the compensation therefor be the same as voted in the Annual Budget.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, the Administration of Standard Rates of Salary and Wages and the Conditions of Employment of Town Officers and Employees," as proposed by the Committee

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established under Article 16 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town adopt "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, the Administration of Standard Rates of Salary and Wages and the Conditions of Employment of Town Officers and Employees" and the "Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages" contained in the report of the Special Committee established under Article 16 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and that said rules and regulations and said salary and wage schedule shall remain in effect from April 1, 1949, until changed as provided therein.

**Article 12.** To see what sums of money the Town will appropriate for the necessary Town charges and expenses.

Under this article the following appropriations were made, each item being voted on separately, viz.:.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$11,745.25 be appropriated for the Accounting Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$8,316.60
Expenses .....	550.00
For the purchase of certain new Accounting Equipment .....	2,878.65

*Voted:* That the sum of \$11,662.01 be appropriated for the Assessors' Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$10,162.01
Expenses .....	1,500.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,018.75 be appropriated for the Finance Committee, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$618.75
Expenses .....	400.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$175.00 be appropriated for the Building Board of Appeals, as follows:

Salary .....	\$100.00
Expenses .....	75.00

The following *Substitute Motion* presented by the Chief of the Fire Department did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$110,913.61 be appropriated for the Fire Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$95,903.61
Expenses .....	1,150.00
Building Maintenance .....	3,745.00
Equipment Maintenance .....	2,335.00
Equipment and Supplies .....	5,180.00
Travel out of State .....	200.00
For the purchase and installation of certain new radio equipment .....	2,250.00
Uniforms .....	150.00

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$105,413.61 be appropriated for the Fire Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$90,253.61
Expenses .....	1,150.00
Building Maintenance .....	3,745.00
Equipment Maintenance .....	2,335.00

Equipment and Supplies .....	\$5,180.00
Travel out of State .....	200.00
For the purchase and installation of certain new radio equipment.....	2,250.00
For repairs to Roof .....	300.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$12,425.00 be appropriated for the Fire Alarm Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$3,575.00
Expenses .....	4,525.00
Equipment Maintenance .....	300.00
For the installation of certain underground circuits.....	2,300.00
For the purchase of a new truck .....	1,725.00

The Fire Alarm Department is authorized to credit the purchase price of a new truck with the value of any like truck turned in, as a part of the purchase price.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated for the Forest Warden, as follows:

Paid service .....	\$200.00
Expenses .....	100.00
Forest Patrol .....	100.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$211,940.00 be appropriated for the Glover Memorial Hospital, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$126,300.00
Building Maintenance .....	14,800.00
Expenses and Services .....	7,400.00
Supplies and Equipment .....	60,400.00
Special Expenses .....	3,040.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$22,901.88 be appropriated for the Board of Health, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$7,121.88
Expenses .....	930.00
Hospitalization .....	3,250.00
Garbage Removal .....	7,500.00
Mosquito Control .....	2,950.00
For the maintenance and extension of certain ditches and drains .....	1,000.00
For the purchase of a centrifuge machine.....	150.00

The following *Substitute Motion* presented by the Inspection Department did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$10,789.00 be appropriated for the Inspection Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$9,713.00
Expenses .....	426.00
Transportation.....	650.00
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	\$10,789.00

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$9,389.00 be appropriated for the Inspection Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$8,313.00
Expenses .....	426.00
Transportation.....	650.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$16,726.19 be appropriated for Insurance, as follows:

Automobile .....	\$2,200.00
Workmen's Compensation .....	8,000.00
Engine Breakdown .....	984.00
Fire .....	5,171.79
Public Liability .....	210.00
Comprehensive Liability .....	94.15
Honor Roll (Glass) .....	10.00
Control Panel.....	56.25

*Voted:* That the sum of \$3,350.00 be appropriated for the Legal Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$3,000.00
Damages .....	100.00
Expenses .....	250.00

The following *Substitute Motion* presented by the Library Trustees did not carry.

*Moved:* That so much of the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages included in "The Rules and Regulations Governing The Classification of Personnel, the Administration of Standard Rates of Salary and Wages and the Conditions of Employment of Town Officers and Employees" proposed by the Committee established under Article No. 16 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting as applies to the Library be changed to read as follows:

<i>Title of Classification</i>	<i>Present Maximum</i>	<i>Proposed Salary Range</i>	
		<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Librarian.....	3,125.00	3,300.00	3,600.00
Assistant Librarian .....	2,625.00	2,600.00	2,900.00
Cataloger .....	2,250.00	2,400.00	2,700.00
Children's Librarian .....	2,250.00	2,400.00	2,700.00
Circulation Librarian .....	1,875.00	2,100.00	2,400.00
Clerical Librarian .....	1,875.00	2,000.00	2,300.00
Library Assistant .....	1,750.00	1,800.00	2,100.00
Custodian .....	2,375.00	2,500.00	2,800.00
Extra Assistants (per hour) .....	.65		
Substitute janitor (per hour).....	1.00		

and that as so changed the said Rules and Regulations and Classifications be adopted.

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$25,494.08 be appropriated for the Library; provided, that the sum of \$397.14, being the income from the Barr and Greenwood funds, be transferred to the Library; and provided further, that the further sum of \$2,281.75, being the amount received by the Town from the County Dog Fund, be transferred to the Library, the total amount of \$28,172.97 be expended as follows:

Salaries .....	\$18,682.97
Expenses and Supplies .....	740.00
Books and Periodicals .....	4,850.00
Bindings .....	400.00
Building Maintenance .....	2,570.00
Rent of Branch Library .....	900.00
Branch Library Insurance .....	30.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$7,253.25 be appropriated for Memorial Park, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$4,431.25
Expenses .....	1,922.00
For the repair and reconstruction of the Cinder Track..	900.00

*Voted:* That the following amounts be appropriated for the several miscellaneous accounts, as follows:

For the salary of Dog Officer .....	\$875.00
For the salary of Animal Inspector .....	437.50
For the expenses and transportation of the Animal Inspector.....	125.00
For the payment of certain Annuities .....	3,750.00
For the maintenance of Soldiers' Graves .....	750.00
For the printing of Annual Town Reports and proceedings of Town Meetings and Elections.....	2,750.00
For expenses of Memorial Day.....	450.00
For unclassified miscellaneous expenses to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen .....	300.00

The following *Substitute Motion* by the Planning Board carried and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,375.00 be appropriated for the Planning Board, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$375.00
Expenses .....	1,000.00
	Total \$1,375.00

The Moderator called for a count of hands, Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Moore having been sworn in as tellers, the vote was recorded as

Yes 104      No 100

The following *Substitute Motion* by the Police Department carried and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$91,765.09 be appropriated for the Police Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$73,716.09
Expenses .....	1,040.00
Supplies and Equipment .....	2,500.00
Uniforms .....	1,050.00
Automobile Maintenance .....	3,200.00
Building Maintenance .....	2,510.00
Travel out of State .....	200.00
For the installation of certain spot lights .....	264.00
For the purchase of new cruising cars .....	2,200.00
For the purchase and installation of certain new Radio equipment.....	5,000.00
For glass enclosed case for spot map .....	85.00

and the Police Department is authorized to credit the purchase price of any new equipment or automobiles, with the value of any like equipment or automobiles turned in as part of the purchase price.

The following *Substitute Motion* introduced by Mr. Pond did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$275,118.60 be appropriated for the Public Works Department, as follows:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$160,304.60
Expenses .....	62,314.00
Street Asphalt Paving .....	3,000.00
Travel out of State .....	300.00
Street Lighting .....	27,300.00
Replacement of equipment with authority to credit the purchase price of the new equipment with the value of the equipment turned in .....	1,650.00

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Snow Removal .....	\$20,000.00
Additional Equipment .....	250.00

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$265,753.60 be appropriated for the Public Works Department, as follows:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$160,304.60
Expenses .....	56,049.00
Street Lighting .....	27,200.00
Snow Removal .....	20,000.00
Travel out of State .....	300.00
For the replacement of Equipment .....	1,650.00
For certain new Equipment .....	250.00

The Public Works Department is authorized to credit the purchase price of new equipment with the value of any like equipment to be turned in as a part of the purchase price.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$14,634.85 be appropriated for the Recreation Commission, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$11,000.00
Services .....	334.85
Supplies and Equipment .....	1,620.00
Special Expenses .....	400.00
Equipment Maintenance .....	250.00
Building Maintenance .....	1,030.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$6,353.80 be appropriated for the Registrars of Voters, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$2,598.80
Tellers .....	800.00
Expenses .....	2,955.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$25,000.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund, said sum to be raised as follows:

From the Overlay Reserve Fund .....	\$10,000.00
From the Tax Levy of the Current Year .....	15,000.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,575.00 be appropriated for the Selectmen, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$1,575.00
Expenses .....	500.00
Town Meetings .....	500.00

The following *Substitute Motion* by the School Committee did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$557,925.75 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the additional sum of \$241.88, being the income from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department, the total of \$558,167.63 to be expended as follows:

All Salaries .....	\$451,067.63
General Control .....	2,000.00
Instruction .....	21,000.00
Operation .....	25,500.00
Maintenance .....	21,000.00
Auxiliary agencies .....	6,950.00
Outlay .....	13,000.00
Travel out of State .....	150.00
Transportation .....	14,500.00
Vocational tuition .....	2,500.00
Dwight School Playground .....	500.00

At this point a second *Substitute Motion* was offered by Mrs. Dunn which did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$551,627.05 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the additional sum of \$241.88, being the income from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department, the total of \$551,868.93 to be expended as follows:

All salaries .....	\$444,768.93
General control .....	2,000.00
Instruction .....	21,000.00
Operation .....	25,500.00
Maintenance .....	21,000.00
Auxiliary agencies .....	6,950.00
Outlay .....	13,500.00
Travel out of state .....	150.00
Transportation .....	14,500.00
Vocational tuition .....	2,500.00

The original motion was then voted upon and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$547,049.45 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the additional sum of \$241.88, being the income from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department, the total of \$547,291.33 to be expended as follows:

Salaries .....	\$440,191.33
General Control .....	2,000.00
Instruction .....	21,000.00
Operation .....	25,500.00
Maintenance .....	21,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies .....	6,950.00
Outlay .....	13,000.00
Travel out of State .....	150.00
Transportation .....	14,500.00
Vocational Tuition .....	2,500.00
For Improvements to the Grounds at the Dwight School .....	500.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$6,333.07 be appropriated for the Town Clerk's Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$5,552.52
Expenses .....	725.55
Fees .....	55.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$11,345.25 be appropriated for Town Hall and Grounds, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$7,406.25
Maintenance .....	3,939.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$10,668.15 be appropriated for the office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$8,422.40
Expenses .....	1,455.00
Tax Collector's Bond .....	720.75
Tax Title Expenses .....	70.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$22,011.79 be appropriated for the Veterans' Service Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$4,911.79
Expenses .....	350.00
Transportation .....	250.00
Veterans' Benefits .....	16,500.00

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*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,305.50 be appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures, as follows:

Salary .....	\$1,000.00
Expenses .....	55.50
Transportation.....	250.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$91,876.01 be appropriated for the Welfare Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$6,841.01
Expenses .....	1,035.00
General Relief .....	13,000.00
Old Age Assistance .....	55,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	16,000.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$23,008.00 be appropriated for the Board of Retirement, as follows:

Contributions to the System .....	\$22,508.00
Expenses .....	500.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated for the Zoning Board of Appeal, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$100.00
Expenses .....	150.00

*Voted:* That the following sums, from the designated sources, be appropriated for the payment of interest on, and the extinguishment of the public debt, and for the payment of interest on authorized temporary loans:

From the Bond Premium Account .....	\$738.00
From the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund .....	14,000.00
From the Tax Levy of the Current Year .....	103,623.87

At 10:30 o'clock, P.M., it was *voted* to adjourn to Wednesday, March 23, 1949 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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March 23, 1949

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Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 21, 1949, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 23, 1949, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 439 men and 118 women were checked on the lists as being present. There were 212 Town Meeting Members present. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg. Dr. Donahue was recognized by the Chair and he presented the following tribute to Dr. William Mitchell:

"Whereas; in the death of Dr. William Mitchell, a practising Physician in the Town of Needham for more than half a century; devoted to the welfare of the Town and all of its inhabitants, without distinction of their condition, race, or creed; this community has lost one of its leading and best loved citizens; and

Whereas; Dr. Mitchell was respected and admired by all with whom he came in contact for his learning, professional skill, courtesy, sympathy, and abounding kindness, through which he contributed, to three generations, restoration of health, and comfort of body and mind, thereby exemplifying the highest traditions of his honored profession; and

Whereas; he brought in many ways to the service of this Town the same learning, wisdom, and resourcefulness, which so endeared him to its individual inhabitants; serving as a faithful Member of this Town Meeting continuously since its inception, and giving unstinted support to its Glover Hospital from the beginning of its development; and

Whereas; this beloved citizen and physician, as husband, father, neighbor, friend, and public servant, exemplified the highest ideals of American citizenship; be it therefore

Resolved; That the Town of Needham, through Town Meeting assembled hereby expresses its appreciation of, and its grief at the loss of this distinguished member of the community, and extends to his widow and daughter its deepest sympathy; and directs that this Resolution be incorporated in the official records of this meeting, to be included, together with a picture of Dr. Mitchell, in the next published Annual Town Report; and be it further

Resolved; That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Town Clerk to his widow and daughter."

The meeting then proceeded to the discussion of the remaining articles in the Warrant.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

*Voted:* That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue any note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and

to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 for the instruction of aliens residing in the Town of Needham in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said instruction to be under the supervision of the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the instruction of adult aliens residing in the Town of Needham in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said instruction to be under the supervision of the School Committee, and that said sum be raised by a transfer of \$131.00, being the unexpended balance of the appropriation under Article 17 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, for said purpose, the balance of \$169.00 being raised from the current tax levy.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for maintaining the sanitary condition of Rosemary Lake and for the preparation and upkeep of Rosemary Beach, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for maintaining the sanitary condition of Rosemary Lake and for the preparation and upkeep of Rosemary Beach, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road maintenance; transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road maintenance, and that in addition the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet the State and County shares of the cost, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town:

Nevada Road	Douglas Road
Brookline Street	Highgate Street
Stockdale Road	Rybury Hillway
Robinwood Avenue	Beaufort Avenue

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$19,600.00 be raised and appropriated for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town: Nevada Road, Brookline Street, Stockdale Road and Robinwood Avenue.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$46,550.00 for extending the storm water drainage system in the following Town ways as proposed by the Department of Public Works:

Greendale Avenue and Kendrick Street to State Highway;  
Nehoiden Street from Rosemary Brook to beyond Meadowbrook Road;  
Great Plain Avenue from Mayflower Road to Powderhouse Road; May Street and Chapel Street from Garden Street to rear of Town Hall;  
Hillside Avenue from Sunnyside Road to Avery Street; Webster Street from Hillside Avenue to Greendale Avenue; South Street from Green Street to Needhamdale Road; Great Plain Avenue from Broadmeadow Road to Hillcrest Road; High Rock Street culvert at low point at Railroad; and Webster Street at Central Avenue;

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$25,400.00 be raised and appropriated for extending the storm water drainage system in the following Town ways: Greendale Avenue, May Street, Webster Street, and Nehoiden Street.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$26,000.00 for the extension of the storm water drainage system by easements through private lands to provide proper outlets for the run-off of storm waters from Town ways at the following locations:

In Lincoln, Garfield and Grant Streets and other lands from Kimball Street to the intersection of Pleasant and Howland Streets; From culvert under Railroad at Carey Place to Hillside Avenue; From High Rock Street to Fairview Road easterly from Birchwood Road; From Central Avenue southerly from John Street; From Central Avenue to culvert opposite Central Sand & Gravel Company land; From Walnut Street southerly in and through Willow Street and Oak Street;

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$5,800.00 be raised and appropriated for the extension of the storm water drainage system by easements through private lands to provide proper outlets from Carey Place, High Rock Street and Central Avenue.

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$6,800.00 for the alteration of and specific repairs upon, and the construction of portions of the following ways;

May Street from Highland Avenue to Nehoiden Street; Nehoiden Street from Rosemary Street to Central Avenue; and Central Avenue from High Rock Street to Great Plain Avenue;

make provision for sidewalks on said Town ways, as petitioned for by abutters; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$6,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction or reconstruction or alteration of, the making of specific repairs or the construction of sidewalks upon the following ways: May Street, Nehoiden Street and Central Avenue.

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$18,000.00 for the alteration of and specific repairs upon, and the construction of all or portions of, the following Town ways, to conform to the established layouts;

Marked Tree Road from High Rock Street to Central Avenue; and High Rock Street from Marked Tree Road to the Railroad;

determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$7,000.00 for the alteration of and specific repairs upon any or all portions of the following intersections for the purpose of improving hazardous conditions:

Central Avenue, Cedar Street and Wellesley Avenue;

Central Avenue and Webster Street;

Central Avenue and Great Plain Avenue; and

Central Avenue and Nehoiden Street;

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will re-determine the fixed uniform rate charged to abutters for the construction of sewers as authorized under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 83, Section 15A; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the uniform rate charged to abutters for the construction of sewers be redetermined and fixed at \$1.60 per foot of assessable frontage and \$0.025 per square foot of area to a depth of 100 feet, corner lots to have a 100 foot frontage exemption on the second street in which a sewer is installed; and that said new rate be charged for all new sewer construction ordered by the Board of Selectmen on and after the effective date of this vote; provided, however, that Needham Housing Authority, which has contracted with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in connection with its Veterans Housing project on the basis of the rate charged prior to this vote, shall be charged only at such prior rate in connection with the installation of sewers in said project.

Following the vote on Article 23 Mr. Cruickshank, for the Planning Board, moved for reconsideration of Article No. 17. The motion was not carried and reconsideration did not prevail.

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$50,617.62 for the payment of principal and interest due on sewer construction loan bonds due in 1949; determine how such sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$423,300.00 for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act, for various intercepting sewers and for the installation of sewers in the Veterans' Housing district; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

A *Substitute Motion* was presented by Mr. Smyth. The motion not being in proper form it was decided to take up Article 26 at this time.

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act, and that said sum be raised by the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made under Article 65 of the 1946 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Moulton, for the Finance Committee, moved for reconsideration of Article 26. It was not so voted and the reconsideration did not prevail.

Article 25 was presented at this point.

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$423,300.00 for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act, for various intercepting sewers and for the installation of sewers in the Veterans' Housing district; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* presented by Mr. Smyth did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$133,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act, and for various intercepting sewers, that the sum of \$20,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be and is hereby authorized to borrow the balance of \$113,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 19, as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty (30) years.

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$170,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act, for various intercepting sewers and for the installation of sewers in the Veterans' Housing district; that the sum of \$20,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be and is hereby authorized to borrow the balance of \$150,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 19, as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty (30) years.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments, determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$25,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments.

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$87,700.00 for water main construction and the extension of services to houses; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$87,050.00 be raised and appropriated for water main construction and the extension of services to houses, said sum to be raised as follows: to be raised from the current tax levy the sum of \$37,050.00; to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account \$50,000.00.

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Whittier Road, Lancaster Road, Fuller Road to land now or formerly of Cole, and Elmwood Road from Douglas Road to land now or formerly of Cole, all as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$12,500.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept Whittier Road, Lancaster Road and certain portions of Fuller Road and Elmwood Road as Town ways, all in accordance with plans on file with the Town Clerk; that said ways be established; and that the sum of \$12,500.00 be appropriated for the cost of their construction under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Birchwood Road, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept Birchwood Road as a Town way, in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk; that said way be established; and that the sum of \$3,500.00 be appropriated for the cost of its construction under the provisions of law authorizing assessments.

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Lester Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,800.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept Lester Street as a Town way, in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk; that said way be established; and that the sum of \$1,800.00 be appropriated for its construction under the provisions of law authorizing assessments.

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Town Forest Committee for the development of lands designated under the Town Forest Land Act; determine how such sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the development of lands designated under the Town Forest Land Act, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town Forest Committee.

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for improving parks, particularly the Cricket Field, so-called, including the reconstruction of the play area and ball fields, the extension of drainage pipes and the landscaping of the grounds in connection therewith, for the purpose of utilizing the entire property; determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for improvements at the Cricket Field, so-called, including the reconstruction of play areas, the installation of drains and the landscaping of the grounds, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

**Article 34.** To see if the Town, to meet the appropriations made under any or all of the preceding articles providing for construction work, and particularly construction under the Betterment Act; will determine what amount shall be raised by taxation in the current year, what amount shall be transferred from available funds and what amount shall be raised by borrowing, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 19, or any other provisions of law, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will authorize the installation of street lights in the following private ways, as petitioned for by abutters:

Lester Street  
Pine Grove Street

Parish Street  
John Street

raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for the installation of street lights in the following private ways: Lester Street, Parish Street, John Street and Pine Grove Street.

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the installation of traffic signals at the following locations:

Highland Avenue at Rosemary Street, as petitioned for by residents of the area; and  
Highland Avenue at Webster Street, as recommended by the Department of Public Works;

determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Rosemary Street and at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street.

The Planning Board then offered the following *Substitute Motion* which did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street.  
and it was

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,200.00 for the purpose of making an investigation and study of possible sites for and methods of disposing of rubbish for the Town; determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* carried  
and it was

*Voted:* That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Planning Board for study and recommendations, and that the Planning Board make a report thereon to a Town Meeting not later than the Annual Town Meeting in 1950.

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed of a certain parcel of land for park purposes, as a gift to the Town from Walter B. and Anna G. Chaffin, said parcel being bounded northeasterly by High Rock Street 64.34 feet, southerly by other land of Town of Needham (known as High Rock lot) 61.80 feet; and westerly by land now or formerly of Philip R. and Lyda R. Wentworth 29.20 feet, containing 865 square feet more or less, being shown on a plan dated December 16, 1948, by Frank L. Cheney, Civil Engineer; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept a deed of a certain parcel of land for park purposes, as a gift to the Town from Anna G. Chaffin, said parcel being bounded Northeasterly by High Rock Street 64.34 feet; Southerly by other land of Town of Needham (known as High Rock Lot) 61.80 feet; and Westerly by land now or formerly of Philip R. and Lyda R. Wentworth 29.20 feet, containing 865 square feet more or less, being shown on plan dated December 16, 1948, by Frank L. Cheney, Civil Engineer.

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of \$516.86 from the Needham Military Band, Inc., the same to be held in trust until the year 2011, the principal and accumulated interest thereon to be used in that year for music in connection with the celebration of the Town's Tercentenary; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept a gift of \$516.86 from the Needham Military Band, Inc., the said sum to be held in trust until the year 2011, and the principal and accumulated interest thereon to be used in that year for music in connection with the celebration of the Town's Tercentenary.

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to dedicate for municipal purposes and specifically for school and recreational purposes a parcel of land acquired by the Town by tax title, said parcel containing 3,876 square feet more or less and being shown as Lot 13, Block G, Section 1, River Park; take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town vote to dedicate to municipal purposes, and specifically to school and recreational purposes a certain parcel of land acquired by the Town by tax title, said parcel containing 3,876 square feet more or less and being shown as Lot 13, Block G, Section 1, River Park, on a plan on file in the office of the Town's Assessors.

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the Parker School lot, so-called, in Charles River Village, owned by the Town, said lot containing 40,160 square feet more or less; determine in what manner said sale shall be made; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town authorize the Treasurer, and he is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town and with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell the Parker School lot, so-called, in Charles River Village, said lot containing 40,160 square feet more or less.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to purchase from Babson Institute, for school purposes, a lot of land not exceeding 30,000 square feet adjoining the rear of the present Dwight School lot; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$450.00 for such purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$450.00 be appropriated for the purchase from Babson Institute of a lot of land of 25,877 square feet adjoining the rear of the Dwight School lot, and that said land be used for school purposes.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$484.87 for the payment of sewer assessment charges against Town owned land on Brookline Street and High Rock Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$484.87 be appropriated for the payment of sewer assessment charges against certain Town-owned land located on Brookline Street and on High Rock Street.

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into and execute an agreement with the Needham Housing Authority providing for the installation of all necessary sewer and water mains, and services, in the proposed Veterans' Housing development by the Town, and providing further for payments by Needham Housing Authority therefor of amounts equal to those which would normally be assessed and charged against a private developer subject to such special assessments and charges in connection with such installations; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into and execute an agreement with Needham Housing Authority providing for the installation by the Town of all necessary sewer and water mains and services in the proposed Veterans Housing development off High Rock Street, and providing further for payments by Needham Housing Authority therefor of amounts equal to those which would normally be assessed and charged against a private developer subject to such special assessments and charges in connection with such installations, provided however that Needham Housing Authority shall not be obliged to pay as its share of the cost of sewer installation an amount higher than the uniform rate in force immediately prior to this Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$350.00 and authorize the payment of same to Patrick Tocci of Needham for the expense of medical, surgical and hospital care and treatment incurred by him as a result of injuries to his minor son, Edmund M. Tocci, received while participating in the athletic training program of the School Department, as authorized by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5, Clause (40A), inserted by Chapter 525 of the Acts of 1947; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by Mr. Murdoch carried  
and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$350.00 be appropriated to reimburse Patrick Tocci for the expense of medical, surgical and hospital care and treatment incurred by him as a result of injuries to his minor son, Edmund M. Tocci, received by him while participating in the athletic training program of the School Department, as authorized by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5 (Clause 40A), inserted by Chapter 525 of the Acts of 1947, provided however that said payment shall be conditional upon the delivery by said Patrick Tocci to the Town of a legal release of all claims arising out of or resulting from said injuries.

**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to prepare a division of the Town into convenient voting precincts, filing a report of their doings with the Town Clerk within sixty days, said report to be presented by the Town Clerk at the next Town Meeting, as provided for in General Laws, Chapter 54, Section 6; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 97A as amended by Chapter 595 of the Acts of 1948, providing in substance that the Chief of Police shall make suitable regulations governing the Police Department and the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, provided however that such regulations shall become effective without such approval upon the failure of the Selectmen to take action thereon within thirty days after said regulations have been submitted to them by the Chief of Police; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 97A, as amended by Chapter 595 of the Acts of 1948.

**Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition, by purchase or eminent domain for municipal purposes, of three contiguous parcels of land in Needham, with the building thereon, owned by Marion A. Reid, located and described as follows:

*Parcel No. 1.* 7,500 square feet more or less abutting on Brookline Street.

*Parcel No. 2.* 46,884 square feet more or less abutting on Brookline Street; and

*Parcel No. 3.* 13.64 acres more or less lying between Brookline Street and Lindbergh Avenue;

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$16,000.00 for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town authorize the acquisition by purchase for municipal purposes of three contiguous parcels of land in Needham, with the buildings thereon, owned by Marion A. Reid, located and described as follows:

*Parcel No. 1:* Southerly by Brookline Street 50 feet more or less, Easterly by land now or formerly of Elizabeth H. Barrett 150 feet more or less; Northerly by other land of Marion A. Reid 50 feet more or less; and Westerly by land now or formerly of Guzzi 150 feet more or less, containing 7,500 square feet more or less.

*Parcel No. 2:* Southerly by Brookline Street 210 feet more or less; Easterly by land now or formerly of Orciani 150 feet more or less; Northerly by other land of Marion A. Reid 341.5 feet more or less, Westerly by land now or formerly of William H. Carter and of George W. Trumbour 57 feet more or less; and Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Pandolf, Trustee, 181.5 feet more or less, containing 46,884 square feet more or less.

*Parcel No. 3:* Southerly by various parcels of land owned now or formerly by Bell, George, Bent, Barrett, Reid, Guzzi, Stanley Development Company, Agresta, Carchidi, Pettata, Cardinalli, Baldelli, Orciani and Reid a total of 1791 feet more or less; Easterly by land now or formerly of Emma A. Bell and owners unknown 283 feet more or less; Northerly by land of owners unknown and of William H. Carter 272.84 feet more or less; Northwesterly by land now or formerly of William H. Carter 1579.15 feet more or less; and Westerly by land now or formerly of William H. Carter 235 feet more or less; containing 13.64 acres more or less;

All of said parcels having been included in a deed to John J. Reid and Marion A. Reid from Mary E. Aylward, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 2435, Page 357;

and that the sum of \$16,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said purpose; that said sum be raised as follows; from the current tax levy the sum of \$6,000.00, and by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account the sum of \$10,000.00.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition by purchase or eminent domain for municipal purposes of a parcel of land abutting on Brookline Street in Needham, owned by Stanley Development Company, consisting of 28,667 square feet more or less; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose, determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town authorize the acquisition by purchase or eminent domain for municipal purposes of a parcel of land abutting on Brookline Street in Needham, now or formerly owned by Stanley Development Company, consisting of 28,667 square feet more or less and bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Brookline Street 191.11 feet more or less;  
Easterly by land now or late of Guzzi 150 feet more or less;  
Northerly by land of Marion A. Reid 191.11 feet more or less; and  
Westerly by land now or late of Giuseppi Agresta 150 feet more or less;

and that the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated for said purpose.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition by purchase or eminent domain for municipal purposes of a parcel of land abutting on Brookline Street in Needham, now or formerly owned by Arnold J. Baker, consisting of 22,500 square feet more or less; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town authorize the acquisition by purchase or eminent domain for municipal purposes of a parcel of land abutting on Brookline

Street in Needham, now or formerly owned by Arnold J. Baker, consisting of 22,500 square feet of land more or less and bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Brookline Street 150 feet more or less;  
Easterly by land now or late of Marion A. Reid 150 feet more or less;  
Northerly by land of Marion A. Reid 150 feet more or less; and  
Westerly by land now or late of Stanley Development Company  
150 feet more or less;

and that the sum of \$800.00 be appropriated for said purpose.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will authorize the continuation of the Committee established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948; authorize and direct said Committee to designate such parts of the parcels of land described in the three preceding articles to be used for school purposes as said Committee shall determine, the Committee's determination to be stated in a written report to be filed with the Town Clerk not later than June 30, 1949; authorize and direct said Committee to make a further report on the substance of Articles 9 and 10 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, to the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Committee established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, be continued for the purpose of determining the parts of the parcels of land described in Articles 48, 49 and 50 of this Warrant to be used for school purposes; and that said Committee be and it is hereby authorized and directed to make such determination and to file a written report thereof with the Town Clerk not later than June 30, 1949.

*Voted:* That a committee of nine members be established, to consist of one member selected by the School Committee, one member selected by the Finance Committee, one member selected by the Planning Board, one member selected by the Public School Association, one member selected by the Board of Selectmen, one member selected by the Taxpayers' Association and three members appointed by the Moderator; that the personnel of this committee may consist in whole or in part of the personnel of the existing committee established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948; that said new committee be authorized and directed to make a study of the needs for additional school building facilities in the various districts of the Town and obtain options in the name of the Town on desirable locations for such additional school buildings as the Committee shall deem necessary; that said Committee be instructed to make full use of the studies, reports and recommendations of the Special Committees established under Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of January 29, 1948, and under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, and make a full report, with its recommendations to a Town Meeting not later than the Annual Town Meeting in 1950; that the unexpended balance of the appropriation made under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, in the amount of \$114.15 be transferred for the use of the Committee established by this vote.

**Article 52.** To see if the Town will authorize the construction of an elementary school building on such part of the parcels of land described in Articles 48, 49, and 50 of this Warrant as shall be determined by the Committee established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, and the purchase of original equipment and furnishing for said elementary school building; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town authorize the construction of an elementary school building on such parts of the parcels of land described in Articles 48, 49, and 50 of this Warrant as shall be determined by the Committee established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, and the purchase of original equipment and furnishing for said elementary school building; that the sum of \$455,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said purposes; and that said sum be raised as follows; from the current tax levy the sum of \$3,000.00, by transfer from the Sale of Real Estate Account the sum of \$7,000.00; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the balance of \$445,000.00 payable in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, as amended, and any other applicable provisions of General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years, or at such earlier date as the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer shall determine.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee, or to constitute the present committee of nine members established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, as a school building committee; authorize and direct said committee to supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of the elementary school building referred to in the preceding article of this Warrant; authorize said committee to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the above purposes; authorize and direct said committee to take any action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing said new elementary school building and originally equipping and furnishing said building, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 or any other applicable statutes; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the present committee of nine members established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948, be constituted a school building committee; that said committee be and it is hereby authorized and directed to supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of the elementary school building referred to in the vote under Article 52 of this Warrant; that said committee be and it is hereby authorized to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the above purposes; and that said committee be and it is hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing, and originally equipping and furnishing said new elementary school building, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 or any other applicable statutes.

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding a new article thereto, as follows:

#### “ARTICLE IX

##### *Board of Appeals*

**Section 1.** There shall be a Board of Appeals to consist of three regular members and one special member, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The three regular members shall be appointed initially for terms of one, two and three years, respectively, and thereafter for three years, so that the term of one regular member shall expire each year.

**Section 2.** The special member of the Board of Appeals shall be appointed for a term of one year, and shall act as a member of the Board and participate in its decisions only when a regular

member is unable, for any reason, so to act, and only when requested so to do by the Chairman or acting chairman.

*Section 3.* Said Board of Appeals shall be the board of appeals, establishment of which is required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 30, as amended by Chapter 167 of the Acts of 1945, and shall have the powers and duties and shall be governed by the procedure prescribed by General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 30 and 30A, or any other statutory provisions applicable thereto. Said Board of Appeals shall have jurisdiction of all appeals, and applications for special permits or for variances, arising under either the Building By-Laws or the Zoning By-Laws.

*Section 4.* The Board of Appeals may adopt rules not inconsistent with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 30, or provisions of the Building or Zoning By-Laws for conducting its business and otherwise carrying out the purposes of the Building and Zoning By-Laws and of the statutes applicable thereto."

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by adding thereto a new article, to be designated ARTICLE IX, as follows:

## "ARTICLE IX

### *Board of Appeals*

*Section 1.* There shall be a Board of Appeals to consist of three regular members and one special member, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The three regular members shall be appointed initially for terms of one, two and three years, respectively, and thereafter for three years, so that the term of one regular member shall expire each year.

*Section 2.* The special member of the Board of Appeals shall be appointed for a term of one year, and shall act as a member of the Board and participate in its decisions only when a regular member is unable, for any reason, so to act, and only when requested so to do by the Chairman or acting chairman.

*Section 3.* Said Board of Appeals shall be the board of appeals, establishment of which is required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 30, as amended by Chapter 167 of the Acts of 1945, and shall have the powers and duties and shall be governed by the procedure prescribed by General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 30 and 30A, or any other statutory provisions applicable thereto. Said Board of Appeals shall have jurisdiction of all appeals, and applications for special permits or for variances, arising under either the Building By-Laws or the Zoning By-Laws.

*Section 4.* The Board of Appeals may adopt rules not inconsistent with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 30, or provisions of the Building or Zoning By-Laws for conducting its business and otherwise carrying out the purposes of the Building and Zoning By-Laws and of the statutes applicable thereto."

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 of Article I of the Building By-Laws of the Town by striking out the entire section entitled "Board of Appeal" and by inserting in place thereof a new Section 5 reading as follows:

### *"Section 5. Board of Appeals.*

a. Any applicant for a permit whose application has been refused by the Inspector, or any person who has been ordered by the Inspector to incur expense in connection with a building, or any

person aggrieved by a decision of the Inspector on a matter left by this by-law to his approval or discretion, many appeal from such action of the Building Inspector by filing a written claim of appeal, signed by the person aggrieved or by his authorized agent, with the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws within fourteen days from the date of said refusal, order or decision. If the refusal, order or decision of the Inspector is affirmed, the ruling by the Inspector shall be final. If the action of the Inspector is modified or annulled the Inspector shall issue a permit or order in accordance with the decision of said Board.

b. The Board of Appeals shall have all the powers in relation to the Building By-Laws, as are granted to a board of appeals created under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 30, as amended, including the power to grant variances in hardship cases as set forth in sub-section No. 3 of said Section 30, subject to any and all applicable statutes.

c. The Board of Appeals shall hold public hearings on all applications under the foregoing paragraph and shall give notice thereof in the same manner as is required for appeals in general." or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Building By-Laws be amended by striking out the entire Section 5 of Article I, entitled "Board of Appeals," and by inserting in place thereof a new Section 5 reading as follows:

"*Section 5. Board of Appeals.*

a. Any applicant for a permit whose application has been refused by the Inspector, or any person who has been ordered by the Inspector to incur expense in connection with a building, or any person aggrieved by a decision of the Inspector on a matter left by this by-law to his approval or discretion, may appeal from such action of the Building Inspector by filing a written claim of appeal, signed by the person aggrieved or by his authorized agent, with the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws within fourteen days from the date of said refusal, order or decision. If the refusal, order or decision of the Inspector is affirmed, the ruling by the Inspector shall be final. If the action of the Inspector is modified or annulled the Inspector shall issue a permit or order in accordance with the decision of said Board.

b. The Board of Appeals shall have all the powers in relation to the Building By-Laws, as are granted to a board of appeals created under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 30, as amended, including the power to grant variances in hardship cases as set forth in sub-section No. 3 of said Section 30, subject to any and all applicable statutes.

c. The Board of Appeals shall hold public hearings on all applications under the foregoing paragraph and shall give notice thereof in the same manner as is required for appeals in general."

Upon request it was voted that Article 63 be taken up before consideration is given to Article 56.

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out in the fourth line of the first paragraph of Section 17 of said Zoning By-Laws the word "Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the word "Appeals," so that said Section 17 will read as follows:

"*Section 17. Exceptions Under Specific Rules.* When in its judgment the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served, and where such exception will tend to improve the status of the neighborhood, the Board of Appeals may in specific cases, after

public notice, a hearing, and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, determine and vary the application of the district regulations herein established in harmony with their general purposes and intent as follows:

a. Permit the alteration of a one-family house or building, existing at the time this by-law is adopted and wherever located, to accommodate two families.

b. Permit in undeveloped sections of the Town temporary and conditional structures and uses that do not conform to the regulations herein prescribed, provided that no such permit shall be for more than a one-year period.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out in the fourth line of the first paragraph of Section 17 of said Zoning By-Laws the word "Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the word "Appeals," so that said Section 17 will read as follows:

"Section 17. Exceptions Under Specific Rules. When in its judgment the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served, and where such exception will tend to improve the status of the neighborhood, the Board of Appeals may in specific cases, after public notice, a hearing, and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, determine and vary the application of the district regulations herein established in harmony with their general purposes and intent as follows:

a. Permit the alteration of a one-family house or building, existing at the time this by-law is adopted and wherever located, to accommodate two families.

b. Permit in undeveloped sections of the Town temporary and conditional structures and uses that do not conform to the regulations herein prescribed, provided that no such permit shall be for more than a one-year period.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out Section 23 thereof, entitled "Permits by Selectmen," or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 23 thereof, entitled "Permits by Selectmen."

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out the second and third paragraphs of Section 18 of said Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof a new section which shall follow Section 22 as revised, and shall be numbered Section 23, reading as follows:

"Section 23. *Removal of Sod, Loam, Sand and Gravel.* The removal for sale of sod, loam, sand, gravel or stone from single or general residence districts shall be permitted only under special permit issued by the Building Inspector after written approval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28.

The Board of Appeals shall grant no such permit as would in their judgment, adversely affect the scheme of growth laid down in the Zoning By-Laws or otherwise, or the economic status of the Town or of the district most immediately affected. Conditions,

deemed by the Board of Appeals as tending to protect the Town and the district, shall be imposed where needed, and made a part of the permit."

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out the second and third paragraphs of Section 18 of said Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof a new section, which shall follow Section 22 as revised, and shall be numbered Section 23, reading as follows:

"Section 23. *Removal of Sod, Loam, Sand and Gravel.* The removal for sale of sod, loam, sand, gravel or stone from single or general residence districts shall be permitted only under special permit issued by the Building Inspector after written approval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28.

The Board of Appeals shall grant no such permit as would in their judgment, adversely affect the scheme of growth laid down in the Zoning By-Laws or otherwise, or the economic status of the Town or of the district most immediately affected. Conditions, deemed by the Board of Appeals as tending to protect the Town and the district, shall be imposed where needed, and made a part of the permit."

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out Section 22 of said Zoning By-Laws and inserting in place thereof a new Section 22 reading as follows:

"Section 22. *Special Uses Controlled.* No permit for a public garage for the storage or repair of cars, for a filling station, or for any blacksmith shop, contractor's yard, junk yard, sand or gravel pit, lumber, fuel or ice establishment, laundry, stone mason's yard, hospital, cemetery or manufacturing plant, shall be issued by the Building Inspector except after written approval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28. No application for a permit for any of such uses shall be granted where it would be detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood, whether of business or of residential nature; and no application for a permit for a public garage for the storage or repair of cars, or for a filling station, shall be granted in any event, for a location any part of which is within three hundred feet of a school."

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 22 of said Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof a new Section 22 reading as follows:

"Section 22. *Special Uses Controlled.* No permit for a public garage for the storage or repair of cars, for a filling station, or for any blacksmith shop, contractor's yard, junk yard, sand or gravel pit, lumber, fuel or ice establishment, laundry, stone mason's yard, hospital, cemetery or manufacturing plant, shall be issued by the Building Inspector except after written approval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28. No application for a permit for any of such uses shall be granted where it would be detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood, whether of business or of residential nature; and no application for a permit for a public garage for the storage or repair of cars, or for a filling station, shall be granted in any event, for a location any part of which is within three hundred feet of a school."

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting therein a new Section 23A, reading as follows:

"Section 23A. *Recommendation of Planning Board.* No final action shall be taken by the Board of Appeals on any application filed under Sections 22 or 23 hereof until the Planning Board shall have submitted to the Board of Appeals a report with its recommendations relative thereto as provided by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-I, as amended, or until the expiration of forty-five days from the date of notice to the Planning Board of the filing of an application for a permit under either of said Sections 22 or 23, without the submission of such a report."

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by inserting therein a new Section 23A, reading as follows:

"Section 23A. *Recommendation of Planning Board.* No final action shall be taken by the Board of Appeals on any application filed under Sections 22 or 23 hereof until the Planning Board shall have submitted to the Board of Appeals a report with its recommendations relative thereto as provided by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-I, as amended, or until the expiration of forty-five days from the date of notice to the Planning Board of the filing of an application for a permit under either of said Sections 22 or 23, without the submission of such a report."

*Unanimous Vote*

It was moved and voted that Article 61 be opened for reconsideration.

It was requested by the Planning Board that a change be made from 45 days to 21 days and it was

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by inserting therein a new Section 23A, reading as follows:

"Section 23A. *Recommendation of Planning Board.* No final action shall be taken by the Board of Appeals on any application filed under Sections 22 or 23 hereof until the Planning Board shall have submitted to the Board of Appeals a report with its recommendations relative thereto as provided by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-I, as amended, or until the expiration of twenty-one days from the date of notice to the Planning Board of the filing of an application for a permit under either of said Sections 22 or 23, without the submission of such a report."

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out Section 28 of said Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof a new Section 28 reading as follows:

"Section 28. *Appeals.* Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit under any provision of the Zoning By-Laws, or by the issuance by the Building Inspector of a permit, may appeal from such action of the Building Inspector by filing a written claim of appeal, signed by the person aggrieved, or by his authorized agent, with the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws, within fourteen days from the date of the refusal to issue or the issuance of such permit.

Any person desiring to make any use of his property which is not consistent with the Zoning By-Laws and which does not require the issuance of a permit by the Building Inspector in the first instance, or any person seeking a special permit for the use of the property for

any of the purposes designated in Sections 22 or 23 of the Zoning By-Laws, shall make written application directly to the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws for the granting of a variance or special permit to allow the use desired. Said Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on such application and shall give notice thereof in the same manner as is required for appeals in general."

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 28 of said Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof a new Section 28 reading as follows:

"Section 28. *Appeals.* Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit under any provision of the Zoning By-Laws, or by the issuance by the Building Inspector of a permit, may appeal from such action of the Building Inspector by filing a written claim of appeal, signed by the person aggrieved, or by his authorized agent, with the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws, within fourteen days from the date of the refusal to issue or the issuance of such permit.

Any person desiring to make any use of his property which is not consistent with the Zoning By-Laws and which does not require the issuance of a permit by the Building Inspector in the first instance, or any person seeking a special permit for the use of the property for any of the purposes designated in Sections 22 or 23 of the Zoning By-Laws, shall make written application directly to the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws for the granting of a variance or special permit to allow the use desired. Said Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on such application and shall give notice thereof in the same manner as is required for appeals in general."

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out the first three paragraphs of Section 10 of said Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 10. There shall be a residence district A and a residence district B in the Town. In the residence district A there shall be provided for each dwelling house hereafter constructed a lot of land containing an area of not less than one acre and a frontage of not less than 150 feet. In the residence district B there shall be provided for each dwelling house hereafter constructed a lot of land containing an area of not less than 10,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 80 feet; but nothing contained in this section shall prevent the construction or placing of any building on any lot containing a smaller area or less frontage provided such lot, on the effective date therefor, does not adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in connection with said lot. No lot on which a dwelling house is situated, whether heretofore or hereafter placed, shall be reduced in area, if such lot is smaller than is hereby prescribed, or if by such reduction it would be made smaller than is hereby prescribed, except in either case by taking by eminent domain, or a conveyance for a public purpose; and in the event of such reduction in violation hereof, the house on such lot shall not be used until sufficient land is restored or added to said lot, so that it will contain an area equal to its original area or equal to the area hereby required to be provided for such house.

The Board of Appeals may make special exception to the provisions of this section by authorizing, upon appeal, the granting of permits for the erection or placing of dwelling houses on lots of land containing less area or less frontage than is hereby prescribed or,

upon written request of the owner of a parcel of land, by authorizing the Building Inspector to grant permits from time to time for the erection or placing of dwelling houses upon subdivisions or any or all of the lots hereof, although containing less area or less frontage than is hereby prescribed, subject to such limitations of time and other conditions as it may impose, wherever, after a public hearing it shall find that —”

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out the first three paragraphs of Section 10 of said Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof the following:

“Section 10. There shall be a residence district A and a residence district B in the Town. In the residence district A there shall be provided for each dwelling house hereafter constructed a lot of land containing an area of not less than one acre and a frontage of not less than 150 feet. In the residence district B there shall be provided for each dwelling house hereafter constructed a lot of land containing an area of not less than 10,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 80 feet; but nothing contained in this section shall prevent the construction or placing of any building on any lot containing a smaller area or less frontage provided such lot, on the effective date therefor, does not adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in connection with said lot. No lot on which a dwelling house is situated, whether heretofore or hereafter placed, shall be reduced in area, if such lot is smaller than is hereby prescribed, or if by such reduction it would be made smaller than is hereby prescribed, except in either case by taking by eminent domain, or a conveyance for a public purpose; and in the event of such reduction in violation hereof, the house on such lot shall not be used until sufficient land is restored or added to said lot, so that it will contain an area equal to its original area or equal to the area hereby required to be provided for such house.

The Board of Appeals may make special exception to the provisions of this section by authorizing, upon appeal, the granting of permits for the erection or placing of dwelling houses on lots of land containing less area or less frontage than is hereby prescribed or, upon written request of the owner of a parcel of land, by authorizing the Building Inspector to grant permits from time to time for the erection or placing of dwelling houses upon subdivisions or any or all of the lots hereof, although containing less area or less frontage than is hereby prescribed, subject to such limitations of time and other conditions as it may impose, wherever, after a public hearing it shall find that —”

*Unanimous Vote*

Request having been made Article 56 was considered at this time.

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out in the first line of the third paragraph of Section 10 thereof the word “Appeal” and by inserting in place thereof the word “Appeals,” so that said third paragraph of said Section 10 will read as follows:

“The Board of Appeals may make special exception to the provisions of this section by authorizing, upon appeal, the granting of permits for the erection or placing of dwelling houses on lots of land containing less area than is hereby prescribed or, upon written request of the owner of a parcel of land, by authorizing the Building Inspector to grant permits from time to time for the erection or placing of dwelling houses upon subdivisions or any or all of the lots thereof, although containing less area than is hereby prescribed,

subject to such limitations of time and other conditions as it may impose, wherever, after a public hearing, it shall that;"

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 64.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding thereto a new Section 10A, reading as follows:

"Section 10A. Where the plat of a subdivision has been approved by the Planning Board or by a Board of Survey, or where a plan of the subdivision of land has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds by a former owner of said land prior to March 26, 1925, and where either a minimum area for building lots has since been established for the district in which said land lies or the minimum area for building lots applicable to said district has since been increased, the Planning Board may upon the application of the present owner of said land approve a change in said subdivision plat or plan, whereby the area of the building lots shown thereon may be increased and the number of building lots thereon decreased, although the area of said building lots as changed shall not then be as large as the required minimum area for building lots currently applicable to the zoning district in which said land lies. The approval of such change shall not, however, affect the location or grade of streets as shown on said plat or plan; nor shall it impose additional obligations upon the owner of said land with respect to the development thereof."

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by adding thereto a new Section 10A, reading as follows:

"Section 10A. Where the plat of a subdivision has been approved by the Planning Board or by a Board of Survey, or where a plan of the subdivision of land has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds by a former owner of said land prior to March 26, 1925, and where either a minimum area for building lots has since been established for the district in which said land lies or the minimum area for building lots applicable to said district has since been increased, the Planning Board may upon the application of the present owner of said land approve a change in said subdivision plat or plan, whereby the area of the building lots shown thereon may be increased and the number of building lots thereon decreased, although the area of said building lots as changed shall not then be as large as the required minimum area for building lots currently applicable to the zoning district in which said land lies. The approval of such change shall not, however, affect the location or grade of streets as shown on said plat or plan; nor shall it impose additional obligations upon the owner of said land with respect to the development thereof."

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a Single Residence District to a Manufacturing District that land bounded as follows:

Easterly by the present Manufacturing District;  
Northerly by Kearney Road;  
Westerly by Gould Street;  
Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Catherine L. Hegarty;  
Southeasterly by land of N.Y., N.H. & H.R.R.;

or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* carried.  
and it was

*Moved:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a Single Residence District to a Manufacturing District that land bounded as follows:

Easterly by the present Manufacturing District;  
Northerly by Kearney Road;  
Westerly by Gould Street;  
Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Catherine L. Hegarty; and  
Southeasterly by land of N.Y., N.H. & H. R. R.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to lease for a term of years the area abutting Highland Avenue in whole or in part, and lying northerly of the Needham National Bank building, for municipal parking purposes; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* did not carry.

*Moved:* That the Selectmen be authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town to lease from the owner thereof, for a period not exceeding three years, the area of land abutting Highland Avenue and lying Northerly of the Needham National Bank Building, for municipal parking purposes; and that the sum of \$2,600.00 be appropriated for the cost of such lease.

A count of hands was taken by the tellers and the vote was recorded as

Yes 88      No 93  
and it was

*Moved:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 67.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the area referred to in Article 66, as a parking lot; determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Moved:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 68.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain, or to lease for a term of years, for municipal parking purposes, the parcel of land abutting Chestnut Street and lying northerly of Feely Chevrolet, Inc., land, containing 26,000 square feet more or less; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* carried.  
and it was

*Moved:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 69.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the area referred to in Article 68 as a parking lot; determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Moved:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 70.** To see if the Town will approve and authorize the installation of directional signs of the type and at the locations described in the report of the Planning Board dated September 28, 1948; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the acquisition and installation of said signs; determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the installation of certain directional signs, as recommended by the Planning Board, and that said signs be installed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

**Article 71.** To see if the Town will vote to have the reports of its officers and the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings printed; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* did not carry.

*Moved:* That not exceeding 1000 copies of the Reports of Town Officers and Departments for 1949 be printed, and that it include the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings held in 1949; provided, the Selectmen may cause to be printed such separate reports of Town Meetings as they may determine necessary for the use of the Town during the current year.

and it was

*Voted:* That not exceeding 4800 copies of the reports of Town Officers and Departments for 1949 be printed and that one copy of the same be delivered to each dwelling house in the Town; that not exceeding 500 copies of the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings in 1949 be printed, the same to be distributed as the Selectmen may determine; and that the preparation, printing and distribution of all said reports be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

**Article 72.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles; especially to act upon all appropriations asked for, or proposed by, the Selectmen, or any Town Officer or Committee; to appoint such Committees as may be decided upon; and to take action upon any other matter which may properly come before the Meeting.

*Voted:* That the unexpended balances of the amounts appropriated for the Building Board of Appeal and the Zoning Board of Appeals which shall exist upon the taking effect of the by-law amendment establishing a Board of Appeals voted under Article 54, shall be transferred to and made available for the Board of Appeals so established.

At 10:30 o'clock P.M., March 23, 1949,

It was *Voted*, that this meeting be dissolved.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:



# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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### Special Town Meeting

October 24, 1949

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# NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

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## RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Monday, October 24, 1949

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Pursuant to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen October 11, 1949, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, October 24, 1949 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 238 registered voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 180 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M., by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion. A quorum being present, the Moderator proceeded to the business of the Meeting.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire, by eminent domain, for school purposes, the fee in a certain parcel of land abutting Brookline Street in Needham, consisting of 22,500 square feet more or less, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Arnold J. Baker and being bounded and described as follows:

*Southerly* by Brookline Street 150 feet;

*Westerly* by land formerly of Frederick H. Page and of Stanley Development Company, now of Town of Needham, 150 feet;

*Northerly* by land formerly of George Barnes and of Marion A. Reid, now of Town of Needham, 150 feet; and

*Easterly* by land formerly of Frederick H. Page and of Marion A. Reid, now of Town of Needham, 150 feet;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Voted:** That the Town acquire by eminent domain, for school purposes, the fee in a certain parcel of land abutting Brookline Street in Needham, consisting of 22,500 square feet more or less, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Arnold J. Baker and being bounded and described as follows:

*Southerly* by Brookline Street 150 feet;

*Westerly* by land formerly of Frederick H. Page and of Stanley Development Company, now of Town of Needham, 150 feet;

*Northerly* by land formerly of George Barnes and of Marion A. Reid, now of Town of Needham, 150 feet; and

*Easterly* by land formerly of Frederick H. Page and of Marion A. Reid, now of Town of Needham, 150 feet;

that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and directed to make a taking of said parcel by eminent domain for school purposes in behalf of the Town; and that the sum of \$800.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote under Article 50 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting, by which it was voted to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for municipal purposes the parcel referred to in Article 1 of this Warrant.

*Voted:* That the vote of the Town Meeting under Article 50 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting be rescinded, and that the unexpended balance of the appropriation under said vote, in the amount of \$800.00, be transferred to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire, by purchase or by eminent domain, for school purposes, the fee in a certain parcel of land adjoining the rear of the present Dwight School lot in Needham, consisting of 25,877 square feet more or less, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Babson Institute and being bounded and described as follows:

*Northerly* by a forty foot right of way known as Dwight Road 185 feet;

*Easterly* by other land of Town of Needham 157 feet;

*Northeasterly* by other land of Town of Needham 80 feet;

*Southwesterly* by other land now or formerly of Babson Institute 280.12 feet; and

*Westerly* by other land now or formerly of Babson Institute 106.24 feet;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town acquire by eminent domain, for school purposes, the fee in a certain parcel of land adjoining the rear of the present Dwight School lot in Needham, consisting of 25,877 square feet more or less, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Babson Institute and being bounded and described as follows:

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*Northeasterly* by other land of Town of Needham 80 feet;

*Southwesterly* by other land now or formerly of Babson Institute 280.12 feet; and

*Westerly* by other land now or formerly of Babson Institute 106.24 feet;

that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and directed to make a taking of said parcel by eminent domain for school purposes on behalf of the Town; and that the sum of \$450.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote under Article 42 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting, by which it was voted to acquire by purchase the parcel referred to in Article 3 of this Warrant.

*Voted:* That the vote of the Town Meeting under Article 42 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting be rescinded, and that the unexpended balance of the appropriation under said vote, in the amount of \$450.00, be transferred to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court on behalf of the Town for legislation authorizing the division of the Town into voting precincts.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to petition the General Court on behalf of the Town for enabling legislation authorizing the establishment in the Town of Needham of voting precincts.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$215.35 for the payment of the unpaid balance of the real estate tax for 1949 on the land off Brookline Street purchased by the Town from Marion A. Reid pursuant to the vote under Article 48 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$215.35 be raised and appropriated for the payment of the unpaid balance of the real estate tax for 1949 on the land off Brookline Street purchased by the Town from Marion A. Reid pursuant to the vote under Article 48 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$215.35 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$6.97 for the payment of the unpaid balance of the real estate tax for 1949 on the land abutting on Brookline Street purchased by the Town from Stanley Development Company under Article 49 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting.

*Moved:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10 of Article II of the Town's General By-Laws by striking out, at the end of said Section 10, the words "provided, that the fine imposed by Article VIII shall not apply to violations of this section," so that said Section 10 shall read as follows:

"Section 10. All buildings on or near the line of public or private ways shall be assigned a number or numbers by the Board of Selectmen, who shall assign odd numbers for one side of a way and even numbers for the opposite side thereof. Said assigned numbers, which shall not be less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high with  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch stroke, shall be placed in a conspicuous place on said building or buildings by the owner or occupant thereof within thirty days from the time when notice is given by said Board to the owner or occupant of the number or numbers assigned to said building or buildings. The owner and occupant of each building in the Town to which a number has been thus assigned shall maintain said number on said building at all times in such a manner that the number will be clear and conspicuous and the view of same will not be obstructed."

or take any other action relative thereto.

The following substitute motion was offered by Mr. Frank E. Godfrey and it was

*Moved:* That this article be dismissed.

A count of hands was taken, Mr. Chambers and Mr. Bond being sworn as tellers. The result was 111 in the affirmative and 62 in the negative.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court on behalf of the Town for legislation authorizing the use of the Town-owned Harris Woods for general park purposes, rather than for "park purposes, to be used as natural park land only" as voted under Article 63 of the 1941 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

The following substitute motion by Mr. Clarenbach did not pass:

*Moved:* That the substance of Article 9 in the town warrant be referred to a committee of five persons for further study and that this committee of five be chosen as follows:

One from the Planning Board, one from the Recreation Committee, one from the School Committee, one from the Taxpayers Association, one from the Finance Committee, and that said committee of five be directed to make a study of the need for recreational areas within District 2 of the town and the practicability for recreational purposes of the town-owned

Harris woods, and that said committee be directed to make a report with its recommendations to the annual town meeting to be held in the spring of 1950,  
and it was

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to petition the General Court on behalf of the Town for enabling legislation authorizing the use of the Town-owned Harris Woods for general park purposes, rather than for "park purposes, to be used as natural park land only" as voted under Article 63 of the 1941 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to dedicate to school purposes the land owned by the Town abutting on Brookline Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Brookline Street at the Southwesterly corner of a parcel of land purchased by the Town from Stanley Development Company by deed dated April 29, 1949, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2826, Page 499; thence running Northerly along the Easterly line of land now or formerly of Agresta one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence turning and running Westerly along the Southerly line of a parcel of land purchased by the Town from Marion A. Reid by deed dated April 18, 1949, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2824, Page 316, two hundred and fifty-three (253) feet more or less; thence turning and running Northerly to the Northerly line of said parcel formerly of Marion A. Reid two hundred and ninety-four (294) feet more or less; thence turning and running Easterly by the Northerly line of said parcel formerly of Marion A. Reid seven hundred and ninety-two (792) feet more or less; thence turning and running Southerly three hundred and sixty-two (362) feet more or less; thence turning and running Easterly forty (40) feet more or less; thence turning and running Southerly two hundred and ten (210) feet to Brookline Street; thence turning and running Westerly along Brookline Street two hundred and twenty-four and eighty-nine one hundredths (224.89) feet more or less; thence turning and running Northerly along the Easterly line of a parcel of land now or formerly of Arnold J. Baker one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence turning and running Westerly by the Northerly line of said Baker parcel one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence turning and running Southerly by the Westerly line of said Baker parcel one hundred and fifty (150) feet to Brookline Street; thence turning and running Westerly by Brookline Street one hundred and ninety-one and eleven one hundredths (191.11) feet to the point of beginning;

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town dedicate to school purposes the land owned by the Town abutting on Brookline Street bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Brookline Street at the Southwesterly corner of a parcel of land purchased by the Town from Stanley Development Company by deed dated April 29, 1949, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2826, Page 469; thence running Northerly along the Easterly line of land now or formerly of Agresta one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence turning and running Westerly along the Southerly line of a parcel of land purchased by the Town from Marion A. Reid by deed dated April 18, 1949, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2824, Page 316, two hundred and fifty-three (253) feet more or less; thence turning and running Northerly to the Northerly line of said parcel formerly of Marion A. Reid two hundred and ninety-four (294) feet more or less; thence turning and running Easterly by the Northerly line of said parcel formerly of Marion A. Reid seven hundred and ninety-two (792) feet more or less; thence turning and running Southerly three hundred and sixty-two (362) feet more or less; thence turning and running Easterly forty (40) feet more or less; thence turning and running Southerly two hundred and

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*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the relinquishment and transfer to Town of Needham of all contractual rights of the United States Government (including the right to revenues and other proceeds) and all property right, title and interest of the United States in and to the temporary veterans' housing on the Town-owned property at Norris Farm (known as project Mass. V 19114) and the waiver of the removal requirements of Section 313 of the Lanham Act (Public Law 849, 76th Congress, as amended) with respect to said project, in accordance with the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1950; to approve the action of the Selectmen in requesting the United States Government for said relinquishment and transfer and in waiving said removal requirements; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town approve the relinquishment and transfer to the Town of Needham of all contractual rights of the United States Government (including the right to revenue and other proceeds) and all property right, title and interest of the United States in and to the temporary veterans' housing on the Town-owned property at Norris Farm, known as project Mass. V 19114; that the Town authorize and approve the waiver of the removal requirements of Section 313 of the Lanham Act (Public Law 849, 76th Congress as amended) with respect to said project, in accordance with the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1950; and that the Town approve the action of the Selectmen in requesting the United States Government for said relinquishment and transfer and in waiving said removal requirements.

At 9:00 o'clock P.M., October 24, 1949 it was

*Voted:* That this meeting be dissolved.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

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REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the following summary of the State Audit is published.

August 8, 1949.

*To the Board of Selectmen:*

Mr. George M. Pond, *Chairman*  
Needham, Massachusetts

*Gentlemen:*

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Needham for the year ending December 31, 1948, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) FRANCIS X. LANG,  
*Director of Accounts*

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Mr. Francis X. Lang  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Needham for the year ending December 31, 1948, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as shown on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection and with the town treasurer's books. The records of disbursements were checked with the town treasurer's books and with the treasury warrants approved by the selectmen.

The general and appropriation ledgers were analyzed, the appropriations and loan authorizations were checked to the town clerk's records of financial votes passed at town meetings, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the finance committee's authorizations for such transfers, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1948.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed, compared with the town accountant's books, and checked with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the town accountant's books and with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The treasurer's cash balance on February 28, 1949 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are kept.

The payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file. The bonds and coupons due and unpaid on February 28, 1949 were listed and reconciled with the bond and coupon bank balance.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust, investment, and retirement funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, the disbursements were compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the cash balance in the retirement funds was reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The books and accounts of the Veterans' Housing Committee were examined and checked for the period of the audit. The tenants' ledger accounts were analyzed and the recorded receipts for rentals and security deposits were checked with the payments to the town treasurer. The payments were compared with the town accountant's books and vouchers on file, while the balances in the income, security deposit, and appropriation accounts as of December 31, 1948, which were paid over to the Needham Housing Authority, were verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records and the amounts received for the redemption of tax titles and sale of tax possessions were verified by comparison with the treasurer's recorded receipts. The tax titles and tax possessions on hand, were listed, reconciled with the town accountant's ledger accounts, and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

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The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and special assessment accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and checked with the assessors' warrants for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The records of departmental and water accounts receivable were examined and checked. The accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and proved. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were checked with the departmental records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, departmental, and water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of deferred apportioned assessments were examined. The payments in advance were verified, the amounts added to taxes were checked, and the apportionments due in future years and suspended were listed and proved to the accountant's controlling accounts.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses issued, of miscellaneous receipts, and of licenses and permits issued on behalf of the board of selectmen were examined and checked. The recorded payments to the town treasurer and to the State were verified, and the cash on hand on February 28, 1949 was proved.

The town clerk's records of financial votes passed at town meetings held during the year were listed and checked to the town accountant's books.

The surety bonds of all town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the police, building, and health departments were examined, the payments to the treasurer being checked to the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the school and library departments, as well as of all other departments in which money is collected for the town, were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

It is again recommended that an annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the cafeterias be voted by the town and that all receipts from the sales of lunches be turned into the town treasury, in accordance with Section 53, Chapter 44, General Laws.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, assessment, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust, investment, and retirement funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts.

HBD:JRB  
A true copy attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
Town Clerk.











